

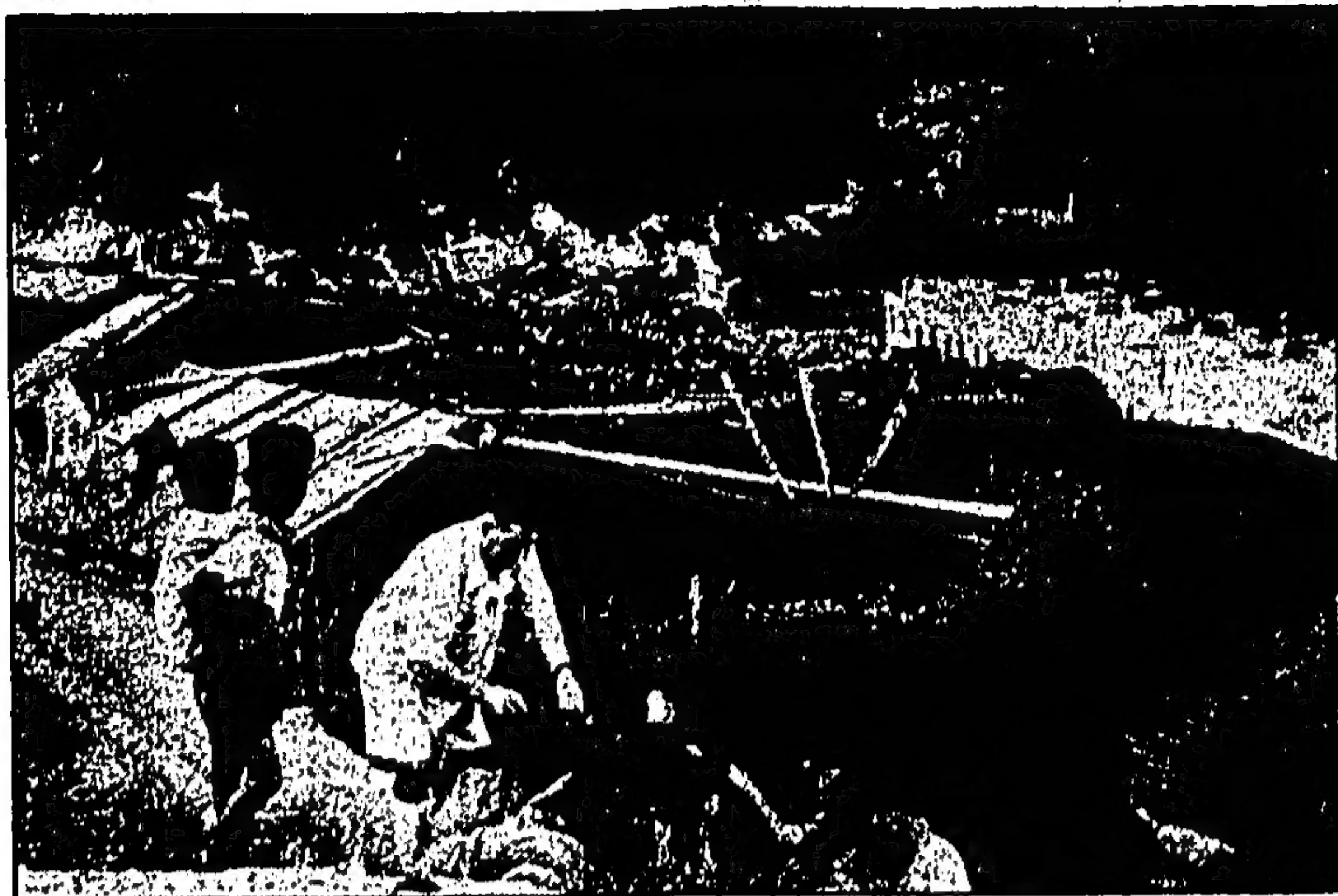
**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Arms And The Nations**

LAST November the United Nations Assembly adopted a proposal that a small sub-committee be formed to study disarmament. The proposal embraced atomic and conventional weapons and although Russia and her satellites declined to vote the Soviet Union agreed to take part. Hopes rose but were quickly destroyed and no decisions were made or recommended at the London talks. The pattern is all too familiar and since 1946 the same phrases have been used without gain—except possibly to the Soviet Union. There is no there always has been agreement in principle that the use and manufacture of atomic weapons be prohibited and such prohibition be accompanied by a form of international control. Russia insists that prohibition be immediate and unconditional, international control coming later. But to prepare and carry this into effect might take years to accomplish and even prove impossible. Under the Anglo-French plan "disarmament would proceed automatically step by step until nuclear weapons were eliminated and other armaments reduced to a level strictly necessary for internal security and fulfilment of Charter obligations." The Soviet demand is tantamount to a demand for the prohibition of atomic weapons without any system of control. It is hard to regard this proposal as a serious attempt to reach agreement and seems rather designed as an opportunity for propaganda which will represent the Western Powers as rejecting the Soviet appeal for the abolition of atomic warfare. Russia's adamant attitude that there be no "interference in the domestic affairs of another country" automatically rules out control by inspection.

THUS the position remains unchanged from 1948 when the first Atomic Commission was decried for the same reason. It is the same with conventional weapons and the strength of the armed forces. Here too the Russians have been standing rigidly and unyieldingly by the demand they put forward years ago and which they know cannot possibly be accepted. Russia's proposal that all nations, especially the Great Powers, reduce their armed forces by one third has only found support with her satellites. The reason being that as the total strength of the Soviet forces is a closely guarded secret it is quite impossible to assess what the effect of "blind" acceptance of such an undertaking would be. It would, as far as is known, leave the Soviet bloc with a great preponderance of conventional armaments and forces and the effect of this would be greatly increased if the proposal were adopted without a simultaneous solution of the problem of atomic control. The depressing feature of the Subcommittee meeting has been that the Soviet delegation has simply repeated proposals which have been thoroughly examined, discussed and rejected over and over again in the past, even though the other countries have made it clear that they were prepared to modify or abandon their own ideas and to search for another basis of agreement. This has happened twice before and it looks ominously as if history is going to repeat itself in 1954. But the leading powers of the free world will not be deceived in their efforts to reach agreement and this attitude was summed up by Mr. Jules Mohr who said: "We must not be responsible for a failure."

**FIRE DEATH ROLL NOW SEVEN**



These two pictures were taken yesterday by Our Staff Photographer during the blaze which raged for two and a half hours in the valley of Tai Hang Tung. The photograph on the left shows a European rescue worker helping a Chinese woman struggling with her child and a few possessions up a steep hillside. The photograph on the right shows firemen standing by outside the gutted ruins of flimsy squatter huts after putting out the blaze yesterday evening.

**Pathetic Scenes Of Victims At Kowloon Tsai**

The death roll after the disastrous 2½-hour blaze which swept through the valley of Tai Hang Tung, Kowloon Tsai, yesterday afternoon, has risen to seven.

Of the six casualties detained in Kowloon Hospital yesterday, a nine-year-old child, Yan Yuk-lin, and an unidentified woman estimated to be about 40 years of age, died during the night.

In addition there are five other dead, including two children whose bodies have not yet been recovered from the gutted ruins of the settlement.

The fire started at about 6.30 p.m. yesterday behind the Young Hwa Film Studios at Boundary Street, and by the time the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene it had already spread up both sides of the hillside valley, razed thousands of flimsy squatter huts. Fanned by a strong south-westerly wind the fire raged out of control for some time, while firemen tried to drag their hoses near it.

Registration of the fire victims, which began immediately after the fire yesterday, continued all through the night. When this task was taken over by the Social Welfare Office from the Resettlement Department at 8.15 a.m. today, 1,738 families had been registered, representing from 5,000 to 6,000 fire victims.

The Hon. T. L. Bowring and Mr. W. W. C. Shewan, Director of Public Works Department, visited the scene of the disaster this morning to survey the possibilities of clearing the area. The Police have set up a command post at the Yau Yat Chun Club house. From this post police will direct the operations of keeping order, preventing looting and patrolling the district.

**TEMPORARY HUTS**  
Hundreds of victims have set up temporary shelters in Maple Street where the Relief Centre is situated. Others have scattered and are disconsolately sitting on street pavements behind the charred remnants of their possessions.  
A China Mail reporter, touring the area this morning saw many pathetic scenes. Walking among the charred ruins, some of them still smouldering, were tired and blackened men, women and children, searching for what had been their homes yesterday. Police patrols strolled past the burnt and smouldering corpses of pigs that had been roasted alive in the blaze. The tail of one pig was untouched by fire, and afforded a strange contrast to the charred carcass.  
Firemen were still on the scene today, recovering those that had been dragged over all

the hillside, and left there after the blaze. A large pile of about 30 separate lengths of hose were stacked high in front of the Young Hwa Studios.

**LUCKY WOMAN**  
One lucky woman, having salvaged most of her possessions—including four large squealing pigs, set up another home in a chasm. "I should have done this in the first place," she chuckled waving a hand proudly at her hurriedly-constructed structure.  
One hut was completely untouched by fire, and its occupants unconcernedly ate

**S.C.M.P. Fund For Fire Victims**

The South China Morning Post, Ltd., will be pleased to receive and acknowledge contributions in aid of the victims of the disastrous fire at Tai Hang Tung, Kowloon Tsai.  
The Fund is opened with a donation of \$10,000 from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and \$10,000 from the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and its subsidiary companies.  
Cheques should be made payable to the "Tai Hang Tung Fire Relief Fund", and all donations, however small, will be acknowledged.

their morning meal, throwing odd grains of rice to chickens running about in front of them, while another similar structure, actually built back to back with the first, was completely razed, and its former residents poked in the ashes with sticks in the hope of recovering some little possession.  
A woman carrying a baby with a little girl hanging to her black trousers, walked dazedly on the blackened hillside. Asked by a patrolling Constable whether she had been dragged over all

**Doctors' Plot Sequel**

**Soviet Security Chief Executed**

London, July 23.  
The former Deputy Minister of State Security of the Soviet Union, Mr D. Riumin, has been executed under a death sentence passed by a military court, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, announced this morning.

Mr Riumin was the official responsible for the arrest of a group of Kremlin doctors shortly before the death of Stalin. The doctors were executed and released after Stalin's death.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, reported in April, 1953, that Riumin had been arrested in connection with the case of the Moscow doctors.

[The doctors were first accused of plotting against the lives of Soviet leaders. Then on April 4, 1953, about a month after Stalin's death, the Ministry of Internal Affairs announced the doctors had been executed and freed.

**FIFTEEN MENTIONED**

Fifteen doctors were mentioned. The Ministry said investigations had shown the charges against them were false and that their "confessions" had been obtained by the former Ministry of State Security—later merged with the Ministry of Internal Affairs under Lavrenti P. Beria, who was also executed—by methods most strictly forbidden by Soviet law.

At the same time it was announced that an Order of Lenin awarded to Dr L. F. Timashuk, the woman physician who had "unmasked" the accused doctors, had been cancelled as incorrect by the Supreme Soviet Presidium.

Pravda attacked Riumin as "a hidden enemy of our State and our people."  
The official announcement of the execution said: "In view of the particular danger of Riumin's treacherous activity and considering the gravity of the consequences of his crimes, the Military Department of the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union sentenced Riumin to the highest penalty—death by shooting. The verdict has been carried out."—Reuter.

**Insurance Rates Lowered**

London, July 22.  
Underwriters today dropped insurance rates for ships from Europe travelling north of Canton, China from five to three per cent.

The new rate covers war and strike, riot and civil commotion risks for all ships from or to Europe, including Scandinavia. —Reuter.

**Mau Mau Under Control**

London, July 23.  
The Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, indicated in the House of Commons last night that Mau Mau terrorism in Kenya was now well under control.  
"I cannot say when the shooting war will come to an end but we are right on top of this problem," he said.  
Meanwhile the Government was pushing on with development all over Kenya and among the great majority of the population not affected by Mau Mau.—Reuter.

**HK-Bound Airliner Down In Sea Survivors Sighted**

A Cathay Pacific DC-4 airliner flying from Bangkok to Hongkong has crashed landed in the sea off Hainan Island and a dinghy with some survivors have been sighted by a rescue plane, according to reports reaching Hongkong this afternoon.

Earlier reports said the DC-4 had sent out an emergency message stating that its port engine was on fire, that it was losing altitude and wanted all possible assistance.

As soon as the report was received in Hongkong, search and rescue operations went into action.

A number of aircraft, including a Cathay Pacific Dakota and two R.A.F. Sunderland flying boats have been sent out to search for the plane.  
Air Traffic Control at Kai Tak airport received the emergency call at 8.45 a.m. HK Summer time today. The aircraft is carrying 17 people including five crew members.

The registration number of the aircraft was given as VR-HEU and its estimated position was 18 degrees 45 minutes north, 110 degrees 47 minutes east, about 30 miles east of the south-east point of Hainan Island.

**100 French Wounded In Vietnam Attack**

Hanoi, July 22.  
One hundred French Union troops were wounded in the Red River delta yesterday as the fighting drew to a close in the seven and a half year Indo-China war, the French High Command announced today.  
Though a full hung over most of the delta, Vietnamese forces shelled a road patrol south-west of Hanoi, wounding a number of French Union troops, a French High Command spokesman said. The Communists also stormed a fortress at Vietin, 14 miles north-west of Hanoi, and some wriggled inside the barbed wire defences before the attack was broken. —Reuter.

**Deserter Or Was He Kidnapped?**

**Missing German Official Was Reds' No. 1 'Wanted Man'**

From Sefton Delmer

Bonn, July 22.  
The taxi which took Dr Otto John into East Berlin on Tuesday carried with it to the Soviet espionage authorities their greatest prize of the cold war. He was at the top of Communists' wanted list.

For Otto John, was not only the chief of the West German counter-espionage service with access to all the secrets of the Western allies in the North and West Germany. He had just returned from America where he discussed with the authorities secret information gained from American and other allied sources.

Nevertheless observers find it hard to accept the suggestion that John has deserted the Western cause and gone over to the Soviet zone freely.

He flew in as a refugee to Britain in 1944. He came from Madrid to carry on the fight against Hitler in which he and his brother and other fellow conspirators were defeated. I know John's abhorrence of the Soviet system was even stronger than his abhorrence of Hitlerism and German militarism.

More important on several occasions he rejected Soviet overtures inviting him to cross into the Soviet zone and join them.

**SPY'S INVITATION**  
The latest of these came last March. The invitation brought to John by Baron Wolfgang von Zai Putitz, a former German diplomat and a former spy who is today a self-confessed Soviet agent.  
Putitz called on John in Cologne and told him he would be made extremely welcome and comfortable on the Soviet side of the frontier should he agree to cross.

He did his best to persuade John that Soviet Germany was

a true, democratic and anti-militarist Germany which both he and John had been working for when they supported the British and Americans during the war. John scoffed at the idea and reported Putitz's presence in West Germany to the British.

Inside Western Germany itself John was up against enemies perhaps even more powerful than Russian secret service.

**HATED NAZIS**

He knew it and made no secret of his antagonism to the forces which are putting Nazis and militarists back into key jobs of the West German administration.

John's counter-espionage service had been penetrated with the connivance of the secret German forces at work today by agents at the new unofficial Gestapo.

And it has been an open secret for some time that Nazis in the administration have been out to get John discredited and thrown out.

United Press said the West German Interior Ministry announced tonight there are "sufficient signs" to show he was kidnapped by the Communists.

**NERVOUS DEPRESSION**

John disappeared on Tuesday night with Dr Wolfgang Wohlgemuth, who practised on both sides of the Iron Curtain. An Interior Ministry spokesman said Wohlgemuth is known to be "an active Communist."

Western sources said that John, who had been suffering from a nervous depression, may

**Embargo List Slashed**

150 More Items For European Trade

Washington, July 22.  
The Western Allies have agreed to cut the master list of banned strategic goods to the Soviet Union and her European satellites from 400 to 250 items, Mr Harold Stassen, the Foreign Operations Administrator, announced today.

Mr Stassen said the United States and her allies had reached "almost complete agreement" at recent talks on the new list which would come into effect in a month's time.

Mr Stassen said that the new list would open the way for greater exports of tractors, textile machinery, fishing boats and equipment for processing food.—France-Press.

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**Three Injured In Peak Car Accident**

A European woman and her two children were injured when their car, KX223, driven by the mother, collided with another and rolled down the hillside yesterday evening.

The accident occurred at about 6 p.m. yesterday, whilst the car was travelling towards the top of the Peak, on Stubbs Road. The roof and the sides of the car were pushed in and the rest of the body was also badly damaged.

The other car, HK2841, escaped serious damage. The passengers of the damaged car were immediately sent to hospital for treatment. Their condition was not revealed by the Police. The names of the injured were not known up to the time the China Mail went to press.

**Hongkong Man To Produce Joint Movie**

Manila, July 23.  
A film executive from Hongkong who arrived here last night said he would soon produce a joint movie with a local motion picture company.  
An agreement for the joint production, to be called "Lanahong", was said to have been signed last year by Premiere Productions of Manila and Mansang Film Company of Hongkong.

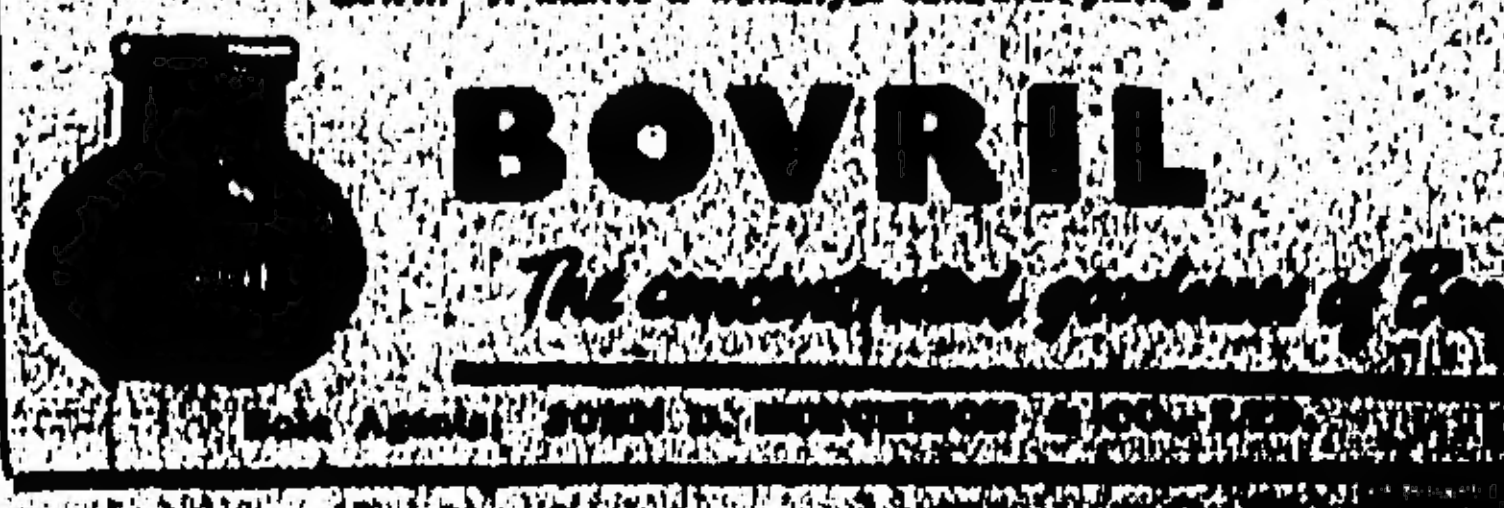
Mr Ho Ting-koon, general manager of Mansang Film, said that the picture would be filmed on location in the Philippines and in Hongkong, with his company supplying the female actresses and Premiere supplying male lead parts.  
He said that the film is estimated to cost US\$150,000.—France-Press.

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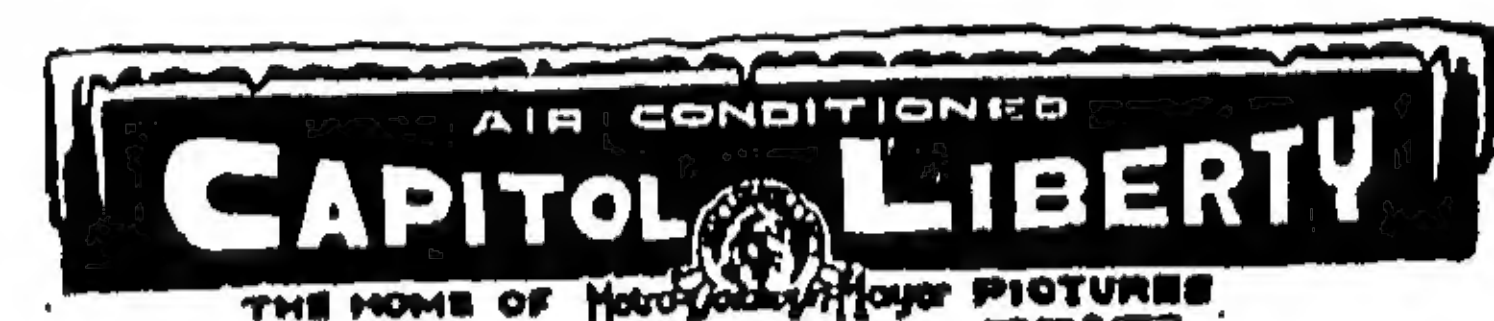


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## S.E.A. DEFENCE PACT

## Meeting May Be Held In Philippines

By Seaghan Haynes

Washington, July 22.

The planned meeting of Western and Asian powers to map a South-east Asian defence alliance may be held in the Philippines, diplomatic sources said today.

The United States has been urging speedy action on setting up such an international conference and today Washington authorities reported that Britain and other allied nations had agreed to the meeting. Its timing, place and composition have not yet been fixed.

State Department officials said the United States would not propose that South Korea and the Chinese Nationalist regime should participate in the sessions.

It was expected that the allied representation would be on the foreign ministers' level.

Speculation was that the meeting would take place in early September. For psychological and political reasons, thought was being given to holding the conference in an Asian country.

The Philippines is already being prominently mentioned as a likely place. Several South-east Asian conferences have already been held there in the town of Baguio, in northern Luzon, about 175 miles north of the capital city of Manila.

**AUSTRALIA JOINED**  
In May 1950, Australia joined six Asian nations—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines—in a Baguio conference on political economic and cultural problems of the region.

Before that, there had been several meetings there of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

Favouring the choice of the Philippines in view of officials here is the additional fact that the idea of a Pacific pact modelled on the lines of the Atlantic pact originated with a former President of the Philippines, Dr Elpidio Quirino.

In a speech to the United States Congress in August 1949, he urged the United States to take the leadership in establishing such a defensive alliance.

**COLD SHOULDERED**  
At that time, the United States Government cold-shouldered the proposals on the grounds that it was premature because of the wide differences among Asian nations and that in any case, the initiative must come from them.

Many of these differences still exist, especially in the relations of many of the Asian countries with South Korea and the Chinese Nationalist.

Thailand and the Philippines would participate with Britain, France and the Anzus Powers—Australia, New Zealand and the United States—in the international conference and it is expected here that some other Asian nations would accept invitations to attend.

The United States had originally envisaged a defence pact bringing in the three Indo-China states of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, but the terms of the Indo-China peace settlement agreed at the Geneva conference would appear to bar these states from joining such an alliance.

**ASSUMPTION**  
However, it was assumed the provisions of the proposed South-east Asian pact would extend protection to them although they were not members just as Rio pact covers the security of the non-member countries of Canada and Greenland.

Britain is anxious to have a wider Asian participation in the conference and the pact and was understood to have been in touch with the Colombo Powers—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Indonesia and Burma.

Before any invitations were sent out, Britain hoped to get from these Powers a declaration of support for the Geneva agreement on Indo-China.

Both India and Indonesia have shown little enthusiasm for the type of military alliance originally proposed by the United States, but efforts are



William Piddington and Eric Pleasants, the Englishmen released recently from Russian captivity, arrived back in Britain. They arrived at Harwich on board the military leave ship Vienna and were accompanied from Berlin by an Army captain. Both men have endured two years of silent hell in solitary confinement. Piddington later returned to his home in Birmingham and Pleasants to his home in Norwich. This picture shows: Eric Pleasants seen on his arrival at Liverpool Street Station, London.—Express Photo.

## Libya Concludes Air Base Agreement With United States

Washington, July 22.

The State Department announced today that the United States and Libya have concluded an agreement providing for the maintenance of American strategic air bases in the north African nation.

It is understood that the agreement secures the operation of Wheelus Air Force base in Libya for a 20-year period and provides for possible expansion of United States military installations.

The State Department announcement gave no details of the agreement which has been under negotiation for more than a year. Libyan Prime Minister Mustafa Ben Halim represented his government personally in the final stages of the talks here.

A United States-Libyan bases rights agreement has been completed in all matters of substance," the announcement said. "The formal agreement will be signed in Libya after the return of the Prime Minister and will then be presented to the Libyan Parliament for approval."

The United States Air Force now operates the Wheelus Air Force base in Libya—one of the globe-girdling chain of atomic bomber bases—under a temporary arrangement. The broad outlines of the United States-Libya agreement correspond generally to a similar British-Libyan accord reached just a year ago. Terms of the latter provide for annual payments of \$10,500,000 to Libya in compensation for a 20-year concession to maintain British military installations in Cyrenaica.—United Press.

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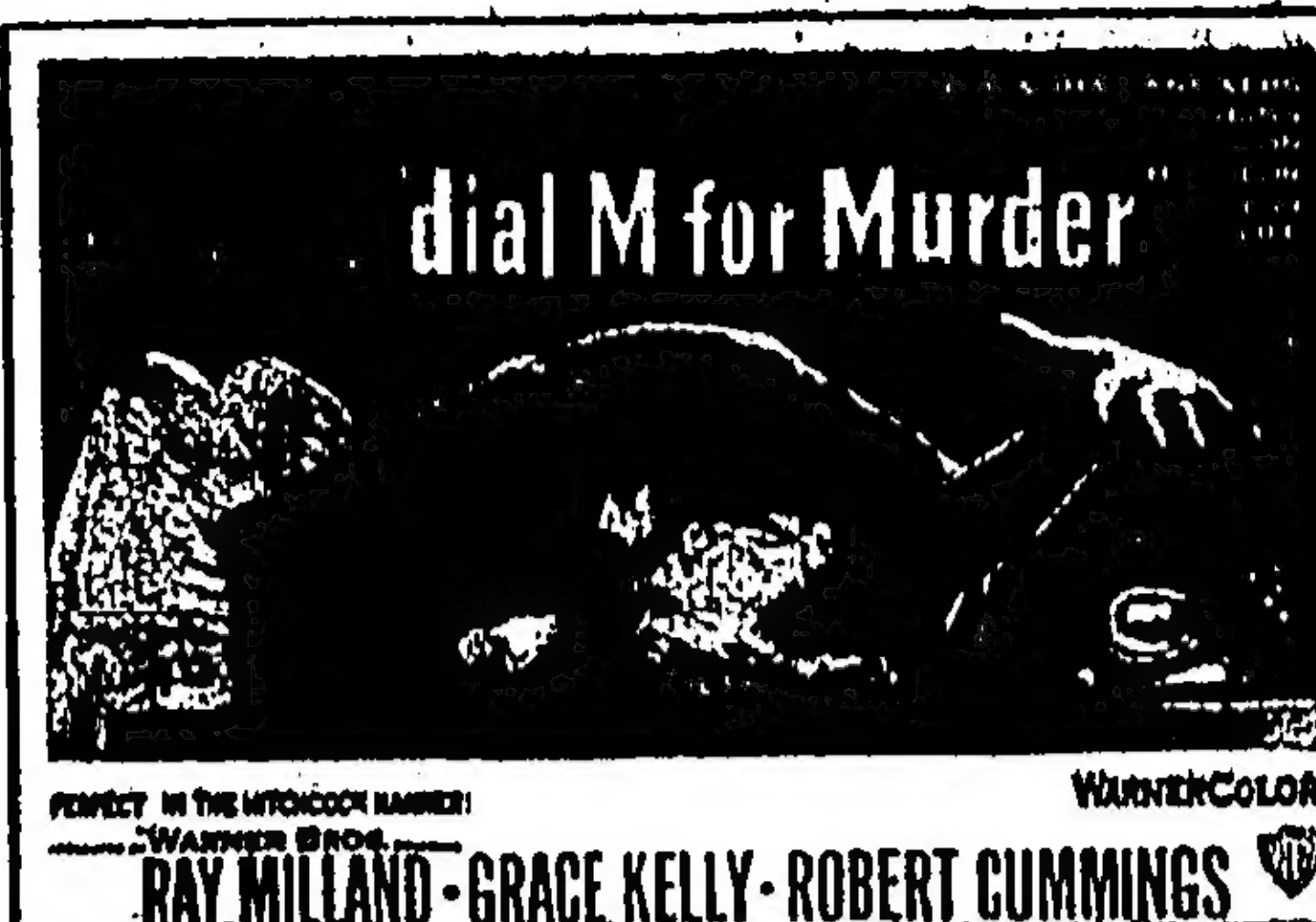
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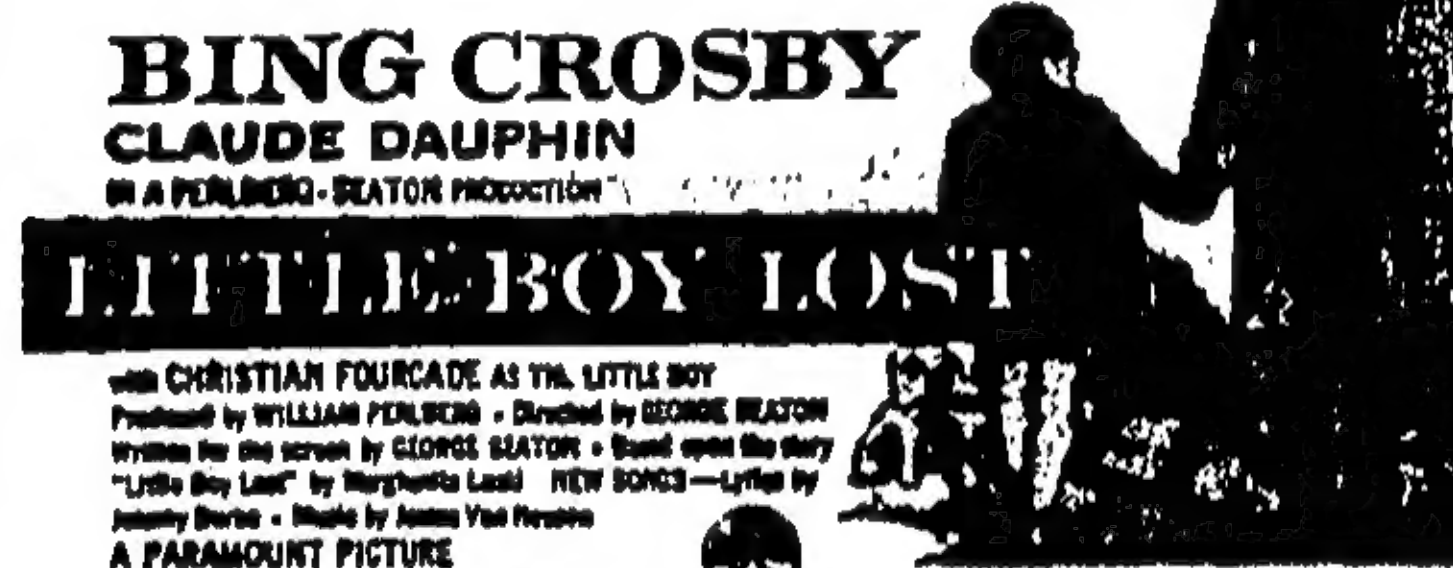
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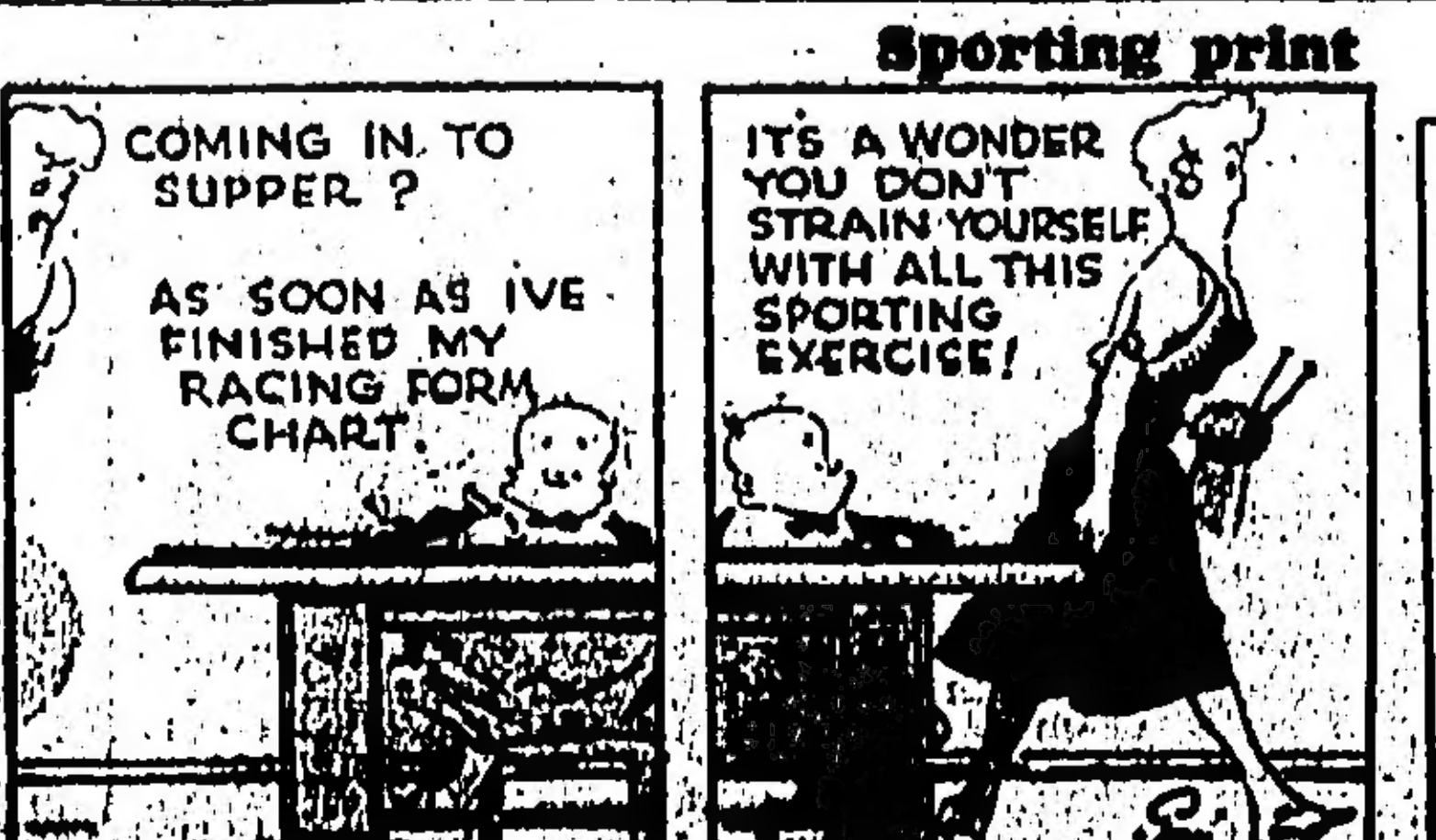
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# DELTA EVACUATION

## France Has Agreed To Bear All The Expenses

Hanoi, July 22.

France has agreed to bear all expenses for the evacuation of the Red River delta by French and Vietnamese not wishing to remain when the Vietnam take over the area under the ceasefire agreement, it is learned here.

The evacuation is likely to prove the biggest exodus from Communism in history.

The authorities are mainly concerned with French and Vietnamese civilians but all foreigners will be included in the scheme if their consulates have not made adequate arrangements.

The authorities who have not yet had full details of the evacuation agreement expect to have only 60 to 80 days to evacuate the city before the Vietnam move in.

The evacuation scheme has been ready for months in case Hanoi were attacked and women and children had to leave under fire.

Military trucks will collect evacuees from their homes and take them to the station or airport or direct to Haiphong by sea. Women and children will have priority and there will be no priority of French over Vietnamese.

Evacuation of the French will begin in five or six days' time and the Vietnamese evacuation will start as soon as the Vietnamese Government gives the go ahead signal.

For millions of peasants in the delta to abandon ancestral rice paddies appears to be suicidal, cutting off the only known source of food.

Most will undoubtedly stay under the Communist or any other regime. Many anti-Communists will even stay in Hanoi in an effort to keep small shops or restaurants where they have their life savings.

But between two and three million dwellers are Roman Catholics who will be torn by their love of the land and their hatred of Communism. It will be for this section that the rival propaganda teams will fight.

The total French population in Northern Vietnam is about 10,000. It was officially stated today.

The figure includes 6,200 in Hanoi, 3,000 in Haiphong and 200 at the Hongay coalfields north of Haiphong.—Reuter.

**PROCLAMATION**  
Saigon, July 22.

In a proclamation published tonight the Vietnamese Premier, Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem, said "a ceasefire agreement has been signed without our having to do with it," which hands over to the Communists the whole north of the country and more than four provinces of central Vietnam.

He added that the National Government formed just over two weeks ago raised solemn protests against "this iniquity" despite its "deep love of peace."

"The Vietnamese delegation at Geneva did not sign the agreement because the Vietnamese Government could not acknowledge the hold of Soviet-China, through its Vietnamese satellite, upon more than half its national territory," he said.

Mr. Diem also told the population that for Vietnam placed brutally before the accomplished fact—opposition by violence could only precipitate a catastrophe and ruin all chances of rebuilding the country's unity.

He concluded by launching an appeal for calm unity despite "our grief."

He urged the population to prepare to help the refugees and begin without delay a peaceful, difficult struggle for final liberation of the country from all "foreign interference whatever be its nature."—Reuter.

**FLAGS HALF MAST**  
Saigon, July 22.

The Vietnamese Government today ordered all flags on public buildings to be flown at half-mast, because of the decisions taken at Geneva, which divided the country.

The Saigon Municipal Police today removed all banners stretched across the streets of the city bearing the words: "For Peace and Unity."—France-Press.

**Tottenham Against Civil Defence**  
London, July 23.

Opposition by local authorities to the British Government's civil defence measures, centred so far mainly in the Midlands industrial city of Coventry, spread to London last night.

The Council of the North London borough of Tottenham—like Coventry, Labour controlled—voted by a show of hands to end civil defence activities.

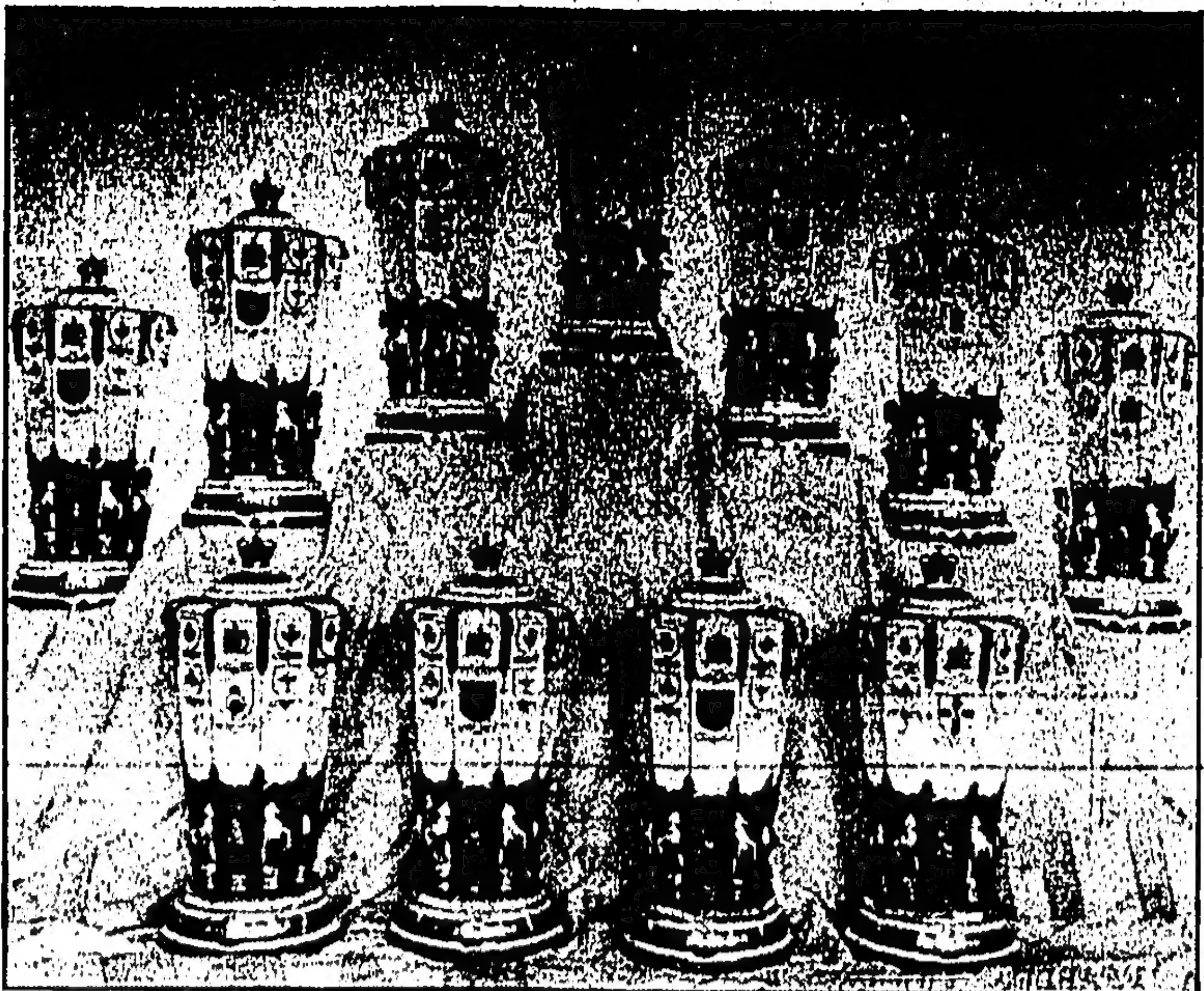
The motion they carried read: "This Council, in view of the atomic and hydrogen bomb development, suspend all expenditure and support for civil defence until such time as the Government provide adequate protection to the inhabitants of this borough."

Several members abstained from voting and one Labour member and one Conservative on the 44-strong Council opposed the motion.

Tottenham, with a population of 120,000, is the first London borough to follow the anti-civil defence lead, given by Coventry.

Earlier this month the City Council of Coventry reaffirmed a three-month-old decision to wash their hands of civil defence because they think there is no defence against the hydrogen bomb.—Reuter.

# Queen's Vase Replicas For Commonwealth



Replicas of the magnificent Queen's Vase, presented on Tuesday by the Duchess of Gloucester to Commonwealth High Commissioners and representatives of four mother countries of the United Kingdom. The presentations took place in London. The superb vases, some of the most complicated pieces of bone china ever created, were manufactured by the six members of the Fine China Association and presented by the British Pottery Manufacturers' Federation. The presentation of the Queen's Vase and the replicas commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. These Vases—from left to right—are for the following countries: Back row—Pakistan, South Africa, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India and Ceylon. Front row—Wales, Scotland, England, and Northern Ireland.—Reuterphoto.

## MARSHAL BULGANIN SAYS:

## 'Democratic' Camp Responsible For Lessening Tension

London, July 22.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Defence Minister, said in Warsaw yesterday that the "peaceful policy of the countries of the democratic camp and the powerful upsurge of the peace movement throughout the world have brought about a certain relaxation of international tension," an official Soviet newspaper agency reported today.

He said: "Last year, an armistice was signed in Korea. Today, the first positive results have been achieved for restoring peace in Indo-China. The latest reports indicate that agreements have been signed for a ceasefire in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. This is a great victory of the forces of peace and a direct result of the struggle for peace that has been waged at the Geneva conference by the delegation of the Soviet Union, the great Chinese Republic and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam)."

Marshal Bulganin said the cessation of hostilities in Indo-China could have been achieved much earlier if American diplomacy had not "impeded the work" of the Geneva conference.

**GREAT MENACE**  
He described as "a particularly great menace to peace" the policy, "implemented by the ruling circles of the United States and Britain, of reviving German militarism and setting up a military bloc of 16 European states with the West German revisionists at the head."

He promised Poland that Russia would continue to give "friendly assistance" in ensuring its independence and security.

Marshal Bulganin said: "The existence of a friendly democratic German state (East Germany) on Poland's western border is a historical factor of immense importance for the Polish people."

He said Russia has embarked on a great "industrial and technical revolution" based on the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

Russia will continue to produce hydrogen and atom bombs as long as the United States failed to agree to a ban on the use of these weapons.

Marshal Bulganin, who is also a First Vice-Premier and a member of the Politburo, is President of the Soviet Communist Party, is guest of honour at celebrations in Poland of the tenth anniversary of the "new" Polish Republic.—Reuter.

**MILK PRODUCTION**  
The report shows increased production in a wide range of industries, though like last year the Ministries of Timber and Fisheries were criticised for failing to fulfil their production plans.

Milk production only reached 90 per cent of quota. One of the biggest items of increased production was hydro-electric equipment, underlining repeated Soviet press and radio reports of large-scale development in the sphere.

Production of certain kinds of electric generators and motors again failed to reach the target. Production of motor vehicles was generally satisfactory, although car production lagged behind.

Output of such goods as textiles, footwear, tea, wine, tobacco, radios, watches and planes exceeded the plan. It was stated.—Reuter.

## TREASURE IN THE GARDEN

Godalming, Surrey, July 22.

Every time they dig the cabbages the occupants of a new housing estate at Blincombe, near here, are looking for buried treasure.

The treasure is the relics of an ancient British settlement on which the houses are built.

It was discovered by a labourer who found a piece of patterned pottery when working on a drainage trench and thought it looked unusual.

Experts soon spotted that it belonged to the first century and was made by an ancient Briton copying the Roman style.

All the labourers and now the householders have been asked to look for more relics and the local museum is richer by nearly 1,500 fragments of pottery, corn grinding wheels, strainers for wine or honey and other household objects.—China Mail Special.

## U.S. Security Council

Washington, July 22.

The National Security Council (the highest consultative body in the Republican Administration) met this morning under the chairmanship of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sources close to the White House said the meeting was devoted principally to the study of the political, military, and economic problems in Southeast Asia in the light of the recent cease-fire agreements reached at Geneva on Indo-China.—France-Press.

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**FREE ELECTIONS**  
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**ONE DEAD IN BORDER CLASH**  
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India had sought a peaceful settlement of the future of the Portuguese settlement since 1950. But the Portuguese Government refused to face reality, the statement said.—Reuter.

# Senate May Press For German Rearmament

Washington, July 22.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, appeared before a private session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tonight to answer questions about the Anglo-American plan to give West Germany its sovereignty.

Influential Senate Republicans were expected to urge Mr. Dulles to press for the rearmament of West Germany too.

The plan had been mapped when it appeared that France might not ratify the treaty before the August adjournment of the National Assembly, thus delaying the integration of up to half a million German troops in a six-nation European Army.

There are many in Congress who feel that German rearmament, irrespective of French action on the treaty, should be pushed vigorously this year.

One of the leaders of the "arm Germany now" group is Senator Homer Ferguson, the Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee and an influential member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

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**BRITISH INTEREST**  
London, July 22.

The focus of British interest in the diplomatic sphere has shifted from Indo-China to the prospects of the European Defence Community and West German rearmament.

With the negotiation of a cease-fire in the three Indo-China states, ministers are now watching to see whether the French Government will ratify the EDC treaty before it adjourns at the latest by August 15.

Until the outcome of the coming battle in the French Chamber and Senate is known no action will be taken by the British Government.

But should the French Assembly adjourn for the summer recess with no decision later on the EDC treaty, which requires ratification only by France and Italy to come into force, Britain and the United States intend to act.

**FREEZE PLAN**  
The present plan is to take steps to separate the EDC treaty from the Bonn Conventions, whose coming into force would end the occupation of West Germany.

The coming into force of the Bonn Conventions now depends on the establishment of EDC.

Should Britain and the United States act to restore West German sovereignty in this way, they would require an understanding from the West German Federal Government not to proceed with West German rearmament for the present.

But no move will be made until the outcome of the pending political discussions in Paris is clear, and then both Britain and the United States will consult with the French Government.—Reuter.

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## Botanists' Dreamland

Lucknow, July 23.  
Indian botanists are planning an expedition to collect some of the rich flora that lies in the Himalayan areas along the Indo-Tibetan frontier region. Known as the "Botanists' Dreamland," this area has remained virtually unexplored.

Dr. R. B. Kaul, Director of the National Botanical Gardens in Lucknow, who is planning the expedition, believes that there would be no difficulty in entering Tibet for purely research work.—Reuter.

## Racial Situation In South Africa

## EXTREMELY TENSE AND SERIOUS

London, July 22.

Canon John Collins, Professor of St. Paul's Cathedral, declared here today that the racial situation in South Africa was "extremely tense and serious."

Summing up his impressions of a seven-week's visit to the Union, he told a press conference, "the oppressed people—the Africans (8,500,000), Indians (366,000) and coloureds (1,100,000) are in danger of losing patience. There is little time if the problem are to be resolved without violence and bitterness."

Canon Collins is Chairman of Christian Action, an inter-denominational body "wholly committed to supporting those forces which are working for the liberation of the African people."

**POLICE STATE**  
At his home in Amen Court beside the Cathedral, he told journalists, "South Africa is ruled by something which is as near a police state as anything can possibly be if it is not actually one."

"We are up against something which is getting very close to the situation which developed in Germany (before the war), it threatens the peace of the world if not today at least at some future time. It bedevils all race relationships everywhere else."

He said, of most of the 2,843,000 Europeans in South Africa: "They are so frightened, the police included, of the whole situation blowing up, they probably think there will be a riot and are determined to kill it stone dead by force before it gets out of hand."

Canon Collins said he had returned from South Africa more convinced than ever that a change of policy as well as a change of heart were essential among the vast majority of the European population both English and Afrikaans.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**  
1 Discount (6).  
8 Horrific (5).  
9 Harden (5).  
10 Attila (6).  
11 Willow (5).  
12 Stage show (5).  
13 Strip of wood (4).  
14 Express (5).  
15 Say again (6).  
16 Requite (6).  
20 Smooth out (5).  
23 Expensive (4).  
25 Shy (5).  
26 Stiff (5).  
27 City of China (6).  
28 Rustic (5).  
29 Confused fight (5).  
30 Part of a compass (6).
- DOWN**  
1 Control (8).  
2 Voice (8).  
3 Rank (4).  
4 Came in (7).  
5 Stirred (7).  
6 Spanish coin (6).  
7 Vigilant (5).  
14 Bore witness (8).  
15 Alibi (6).  
16 Remainer (7).  
17 Bird (7).  
19 Complete (6).  
21 Fabric (5).  
24 Valley (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Pastor, 8 Admit, 9 Vend, 9 Roared, 11 Verge, 12 Minnie, 14 Mate, 16 Spell, 18 Whole, 19 Pear, 20 Parole, 24 Total, 26 Master, 28 Exit, 29 Dudes, 28 Thrash, Brown, 1 Port, 2 Sham, 3 Oven, 4 Reduco, 8 Adverse, 16 Mariner, 7 Treadle, 10 Rival, 13 Twisted, 14 Mounted, 15 Samples, 17 Falls, 19 Permit, 21 Oath, 22 Etna, 23 Arch.



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ben Halim, Prime Minister  
of Libya, the world's young-  
est sovereign State, founded  
on Christmas Eve, 1951.  
His secretariat incidentally  
claim, that, at 34, he is the  
world's youngest Prime  
Minister.

The Benghazi Babe, as I  
heard a diplomat call him,  
touched down in London for  
informal Foreign Office contacts  
on his way to Washington talks,  
presumably about America's air  
base in Libya.

Halim smokes two cigars a  
day and 20 English cigarettes;  
drinks two coca-colas with ice  
and lemon, four if the weather  
is hot. He never touches  
alcohol.

At the French school in Alex-  
andria where he studied 20  
years ago he was always top of  
the class. He is top of the class  
still—and keen to stay there

In London he is abed nightly  
by ten and awake and working  
on papers by six. His only re-  
laxation since reaching Britain  
has been two hours of sea air  
at Brighton.

For all his radiant smile, the  
Babe has much on his mind.  
As King Idris's right-hand man,  
he is faced with the job of  
modernizing a nation which was  
described by a 1948 inter-  
national commission as "mostly  
nomadic and illiterate."

by  
**FRANCIS  
MARTIN**

At a stiff day of politics, he  
likes to ease up at home in his  
study-library; listen for an hour  
or two to his favourite gram-  
phone records—La Traviata, La  
Fosca, Beethoven symphonies.  
Chopin waltzes—or take his wife  
and children for a run in the  
green hills around the city.

There are two cars in the  
Halim's garage. Mrs Halim  
drives a Chevrolet, her husband  
a Mercedes.

**Pretty Wife**

Not that there is anything  
nomadic or illiterate about  
Mustafa's background. With his  
pretty wife Ura, who is of  
Palestinian Arab stock, his two  
little boys, the younger of them  
six months old, and his widowed  
mother, he lives in a 10-  
roomed Benghazi flat, one of a  
block of seven built by the  
loathed Italians during the brief  
day of Mussolini's empire.

Twice a week he puts on a  
dark suit and a tussled tie and  
is driven in his office limousine  
to the palace for a session with  
the King on the affairs of the  
day.

"Our King is a most wise  
man," he says. "I am always  
glad to have his advice."

**A PROBLEM:**

**WIVES  
LIVING  
LONGER**

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

**M**ORE women than ever  
are far outliving their  
husbands because they are  
escaping the heart trouble  
which is now killing thou-  
sands of men in middle age,  
says a doctor.

And they may owe their  
longer life span to the fact  
that many of them do more  
hard physical work than  
their menfolk.

Heart complaints in bus con-  
ductors who run up and down  
stairs all day and in bus drivers  
who sit most of the time have  
been compared by Dr Jeremy  
Morris, of the Medical Research  
Council.

He told the British Medical  
Association in Glasgow that he  
found that the drivers have  
twice as many fatal heart at-  
tacks.

A comparison of postmen and  
telephoneists showed the same  
trend—hard physical effort keeps  
the heart healthy.

**HARDEST WORK**

Running up and down stairs  
is about the hardest work any-  
one can do. And few workers do  
more of it than a housewife.

The number of people who  
reach their 70's has doubled  
since 1820—from one and a half  
million to three million. Of the  
extra one and a half million  
two-thirds are women.

Said Dr Morris: "The middle-  
aged male now represents a  
major challenge to public health."

"About 30 percent of men  
who reach 35 now die before  
they are 45, compared with only  
20 percent of women."

Coronary thrombosis (a serious  
type of heart attack), lung can-  
cer, and duodenal ulcer are  
"modern" diseases which women  
seem to be escaping.

The average middle-aged man,  
Dr Morris said, now has about a  
one-in-ten chance of contracting  
serious heart trouble, and one  
chance in 25 of getting duodenal  
ulcer.

And he added with this warn-  
ing: "Little old ladies living on  
their own will increasingly be  
the social problem of the future."

## MAFIA — 150 YEARS OF SICILIAN TERROR

By YORKE HENDERSON

**T**O strangers in Sicily,  
Calogero Vizzini was  
a charming business-  
man, with land and sulphur  
mines to provide a com-  
fortable living.

But Sicilians knew better.  
To them he was Don Callo,  
a man to be feared and  
respected.

For Calogero Vizzini was the  
chief of Sicily's dread secret  
society, the Mafia.

He died last week at the age  
of 77... of a heart attack.

News of his death spread  
like lightning. Telegrams of  
condolence began to pour in  
from all over Sicily. And the  
tiny post office at Villalba,  
where Don Callo lived had to  
handle cables from Mafia  
"graduates" of America's  
underworld.

Officially the Mafia is out-  
lawed and secret. But thousands  
of Sicilians were ready to fol-  
low Don Callo's coffin and send  
wreaths bearing their names.  
Even though they knew the  
police were making careful  
notes of sympathizers.

**They Got Him**

For in Sicily it is safer to  
offend the police than risk the  
vengeance of the Mafia.

One man crossed the Mafia  
recently. Salvatore Gullano, the  
bondsman, thought he was big  
enough. They got him as he  
slept.

And so it has been in Sicily  
for the past 150 years. Govern-

ment after government has  
tried to squash the all-power-  
ful Mafia. In vain. The men of  
the secret society have always  
won in the end.

The story of Mafia started  
when Napoleon invaded Sicily  
Italy. In the lawless conditions  
that followed, the great estate  
owners of Sicily hired bands of  
coughs to guard their property.  
These men were ready to kill  
as part of their day's work.

But the landowners had  
created a Frankenstein's mon-  
ster. The bands on the various  
estates got together, formed a  
secret organization, and turned  
against their employers.

**Protection**

Their specialty was the pro-  
tection racket. They told the  
estate owners who they could  
employ and for how much.  
They fixed prices for land and  
crops.

Any landowner who tried to  
auction his land or his crops  
met a swift death.

Mafia leaders, greedy for  
power, sometimes fought among  
themselves. Murderous feuds  
were commonplace. But no one  
ever called in the law. That  
was forbidden by the Omertà,  
the Mafia code.

The Omertà laid it down that  
no Mafia man must ever apply  
to the authorities for help. He  
must never assist in the detec-  
tion of any crime... even if  
it had been committed against  
himself.

Under Mafia law the right of  
vengeance was — and is — re-

served for the victim or his  
relatives.

At one point the Mafia was so  
powerful that even the com-  
mander of the royal troops in  
Sicily took orders from them.

At the end of last century  
the government took action.  
Nearly 150 Mafia men were ar-  
rested. Some were gaoled and  
many were exiled.

**Gang System**

The exiles went to America  
and laid the foundation of a  
gang system which was to breed  
men like Al Capone and Dutch  
Schultz. But Mafia had its  
roots in the USA before that.  
Now York's Italian districts  
were terrorized by the Black  
Hand, a Mafia offshoot.

In New Orleans, Police Chief  
David Hennessy arrested a  
Mafia gang for killing rival  
gangsters. A terrified jury  
freed them on the flimsiest  
pretext. Within days David  
Hennessy was dead.

Mustafin thought he could  
out the Mafia from Italy. In  
Fascist style he rounded them  
up and tried them in batches of  
100. Under heavy police pro-  
tection, witnesses were found  
who would testify about Mafia  
crimes. As a result many of  
the secret society's leaders were  
given long prison sentences.

But the Mafia was still very  
much alive. And the man who  
is elected to succeed Don Callo  
will still be head of the world's  
toughest, best-organized racket  
etc.

## First Zoo Started In China

By James Wickenden

**S**INCE Brumas grew out  
of babyhood, London  
Zoo has been short of  
visitors.

As the first polar bear born  
in captivity she topped the bill  
of the Zoo's attractions. At the  
age of four she still bobs up and  
down in her motor tyre and eats  
felt hats accidentally blown into  
her pool. But the crowds do  
not come any more.

Like human stars, animals  
need the right build-up to  
attract fans. So the Zoo is  
getting out a big new pro-  
gramme of late Saturday night  
showings with artificial moon-  
light, military bands and glow-  
worms in the bushes.

Eventually the Zoo hopes to  
draw winter crowds by enclosing  
central heating the paths.  
A £1,000,000 programme of  
rebuilding will begin soon.

Meanwhile, a steady flow of  
new oddities is arriving. There  
are men-killing spiders, a rare  
yellow-coated sand-eel from  
Arabia, and a black-maned  
Nubian lion to see.

**TRICKSTER**

But some so-called zoological  
specimens never materialise.  
They are the brain-children of  
the joker or charlatan.

One of the most famous  
animal tricksters was Dr Albert  
Koch, who found no difficulty  
in gulling our Victorian grand-  
parents. He produced a stuffed  
sea-serpent 114 feet long and  
dubbed it Hydrarchos Silliman,  
or King of the Sea.

When this was discovered to  
be a fraud, he appeared a few  
years later with the Mississippi  
Saurian. This was a primeval  
monster of immense size.

Someone pointed out that it  
was a clever arrangement of  
mastodons' skeletons with the  
tusks arranged as horns, but not  
before the doctor had drawn the  
gate-money.

The doctor tapped that in-  
satiable interest in the animal  
world which the world has had  
since the earliest times.

Exhibitions and zoos have  
been popular since the Chinese  
started the first one. It was  
founded by Emperor Wen of the  
Chou dynasty in about 1200 B.C.  
and called "the Intelligence  
Park"—a hint that much could  
be learned from watching apes.

**ARK SANK**

Our own zoos probably date  
from Henry I, whose menagerie  
at Woodstock was eventually  
transferred to the Tower of  
London.

This zoo was still running  
when the London Zoo was  
founded by Sir Stamford Raffles,  
the founder of Singapore, in  
1820.

Slightly-built Raffles, with  
sparse, sun-bleached hair and  
leathery skin, was an indefatig-  
able naturalist, and visitors to  
his house in Singapore found  
difficulty in pushing through the  
masses of noisy animals and  
potted plants to see him.

He called back from Malaya  
with a Noah's Ark load of  
animals; but the ship caught fire  
and sank off Sumatra. So he  
went back to the jungle and  
made a second collection. Since  
then the Zoo has become one of  
London's leading attractions.

**TAIKOO  
SUGAR  
HALF CUBES  
GRANULATED  
CASTING  
CASTER**







"James Cantwell... Cantwell Construction Company. Dear Sweater..."

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

BY the time they got to Grasse it was "Hosita," "Jonquil," and "Claude" Pez-names were in the office. Claude drew. But that night he went to bed in a rage. He had paid for lunch in Dragunman, and for dinner in Avignon, and when he suggested a game of cards the ladies were too tired.

"I mustn't let them so much tomorrow," mused Fouleough, "or I'll be on the rocks." Next day they drove on up the Rhone. The two ladies insisted on their escort allowing them to pay for lunch at Valence. Reluctantly, but with a good grace, he gave in. Dinner at Beaume was an anxious time. Claude paid. Then out came the cards. At Hosita's suggestion they played quinqué, a scandalous game of chance, "one card drawn, and no damned finesse," as Claude said. He was surprised that the ladies knew such a game, and amazed when Jonquil began to win. He watched her face and lost 7,000 francs. He could have sworn she was cheating and won cleverly than he was. He bit his lip. What an accused but not! That night Jonquil said to Hosita, "He has no idea that we know who he is. Isn't it a scream?"

**Horse-chestnut**  
He seems to think that a state joke becomes funny if uttered in a croaking voice. (Critic)

**Premature eclipse**  
EARLY this morning Dr Strabismus (Whom God preserve) of Utrecht focused his most powerful telescope on the sun. After three minutes all went dark. The sun was blotted out. The sage was about to note down this phenomenon when all went bright again. A boy in a black tuxedo had climbed up the telescope and obscured the view. He was chased away by Gonzalez, the Doctor's secretary.

**Forging ahead**  
TELEVISION is described as an invention by which the viewer or viewerette will be able to see a cinematic film in the round on an oblong television screen. Euro-copelevisionism will make European news look not only wider but rounder.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JULY 23

BORN today, you are self-willed and impulsive. You want action and excitement all the time. You have a tremendous amount of energy and must find some way of expressing yourself or you are likely to "burst at the seams." If you can discover a good way of letting off steam—perhaps your career will do the trick if it is exciting and adventurous enough—you will work to better advantage. You play as hard as you work.

You have a strong temper and must learn to curb your anger. Count ten before giving an answer, and you will make mistakes less often. You are very enthusiastic over any new project and put all of your energy into it. You are a cause everyone knows that it will go over the top. You would make a fine committee chairman, for you know just how to plan and work on the troublesome details.

Since you have a great deal of magnetic charm, you will have many admirers. Do not let them lead you into a trap. Your loyalties, however, would not permit you to make a change so that, if you first choose to be right one there could be unhappiness in store for you.

Among those born on this date were: Hiale Selamie, Emperor of Ethiopia; James Cardinal Gibbons, late Archbishop of Baltimore; Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of Montague Glass; author, and Arthur Bird, composer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This may be a good evening to entertain friends in your home. You are an excellent host.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If mechanically minded, there are a number of things around the house you might try to repair.

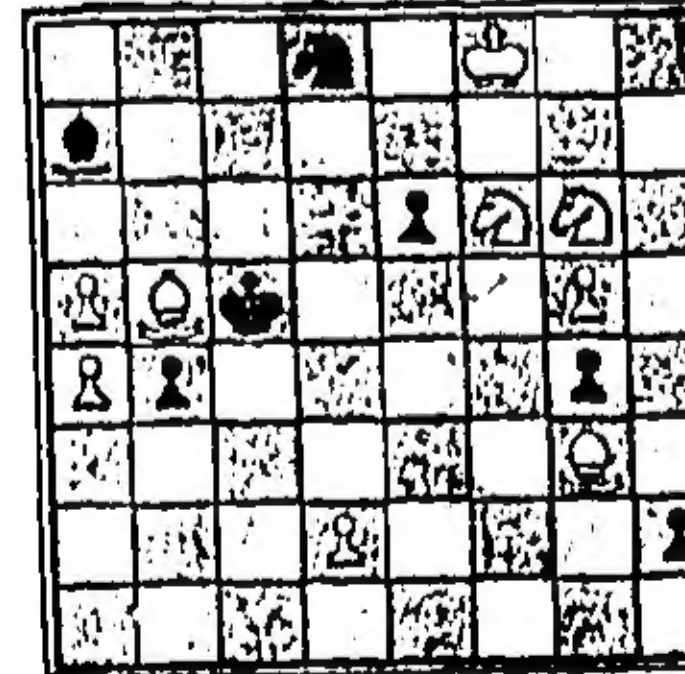
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If hiking or tramping in the woods be careful of possible accidents due to carelessness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—If you enjoy receiving letters, you will have to write them, you know. Finish the job today.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. SKACEL

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.  
White to play; mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q-R5, any; 2. Q or Kt mates.

## DUMB BELLS



## CROSSWORD

Across

- Good one over the fence as believed on washing days. (6)
- There is very little money in this expression. (6)
- Birds, plus a (5)
- Do women like this reading matter best? (5)
- While their husbands puzzle over this (5)
- The Roman sextet is followed by a trio and the whole thing is called a (5)
- Charlotte's style of cooking (5)
- Run the backwards (5)
- Down
- No. 100, this fairy king (6)
- Get into the party. (6)
- Some philosophy about a mis (5)
- People are known to run from this to the post. (6)
- Miss Peck's (5)
- Conker to help (5)
- Walter and the Carpenter took him along to a (5)
- These can be across the water. (6)
- They go sometimes on feminine (6)

Answers to yesterday's puzzle

1. A milk company?  
2. Yes, my dear, a milk company. There was a cow sitting in front of my house. I'd like a job delivering milk, I told her.  
3. What did she say, Willy?  
4. She said she didn't want toads like me delivering milk.  
5. Oh, that was a shame, said Hanid. But Willy, dear, I never heard of a cow sitting in an office, Hanid added.  
6. Willy didn't say anything to this. He went right on. Then I decided to look for a job in a store where they sold eggs. So I went to this store and there was a chicken standing behind the counter. How do you do? I said. I'd like a job in this store, selling eggs.  
7. Hanid smiled. I'm sure that chicken must have been very pleased to see you, Willy, Hanid said. Did she give you the job right away?  
8. Willy smiled. She did. I want to give you the job right away, Willy said. I'd like a job in this store, selling eggs.

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

Easy Hand Often Leads One Astray

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE isn't very much to the hand shown today, especially with all of the cards in sight. In actual play, however, this kind of hand can be troublesome. When the hand was played in a recent tournament, several experienced players came a cropper with it.

The bidding was simple enough, and the game in spades was reached at every table. As it happened, moreover, the queen of hearts was opened at each table.

Each declarer properly won the first or second round of hearts with dummy's ace. Two rounds of trumps then disclosed the fact that East had started with three trumps. It was at this point that the sheep were separated from the goats.

A few thoughtless declarers drew East's last trump. They then tried the club finesse, successfully enough, and found that they couldn't get out of dummy in order to repeat that finesse. They had to give up two hearts and two diamonds, thus losing the game contract.

The correct play is simplicity itself. Declarer must try the

NORTH (D) 20		WEST		EAST	
♠ 8 7 5		♠ 8		♠ 10 9 4	
♥ A 7 4		♥ Q J 3		♥ K 9 8 5	
♦ Q J 3		♦ A 9 4 2		♦ K 10 8 6	
♣ A Q J 9		♣ K 10 8 5 2		♣ 7 3	
SOUTH		North-South vul.		Pass	
♠ A K Q J 3 2		North	East	South	West
♥ 10 0 2		1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
♦ 7 3		1 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
♣ 6 4		Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ Q					

club finesse before drawing East's last trump. When the finesse succeeds, South can lead dummy's last trump in order to get back in his hand. Now he is in position to repeat the club finesse and can discard a worthless red card on the ace of clubs.

The correct line of play will come as a shock, I am sure, to all the players whose first idea is to draw the outstanding trumps as quickly as possible. If you suffer from such a tendency yourself, look at the dummy carefully before you draw trumps.

Make sure that you have some way to get back and forth from one hand to the other in the proper development of your plan. If you have no such way, save the trumps for that purpose.

## • CARD SENSE •

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Dmd. 1 Spade 2 Clubs 2 Spades 2 N.T. Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades 6-2, Hearts K-8-4, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs A-K-J-8-5. What do you do?

A—Bid three-no-trump. You have balanced distribution and a little help in the unbid heart suit. There is no reason to shy away from no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 6-2, Hearts 9-8-4, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs A-K-Q-J-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



## SPORTS LINE

## Dress for grace

By EILEEN ASCROFT

This ideal sports outfit sketched by Rix is worn by Wimbledon player Doris Hart.

Designed for her by Teddy Tinling, in white embossed pique, it is sleeveless, finished with heart-shaped buttons and pocket. So much more graceful to watch in play than shorts, which flatter only the very young and slender.

This season at Wimbledon most of the tennis girls wore pretty, short dresses on these lines.

Miss Hart's red nylon plush cardigan is lined with white spun nylon and trimmed with the same material. The centre fastening has eight red buttons and there are two inside pockets. A perfect partner for any tennis dress, it is washable and combines warmth with elegance.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Clean bacon rind and save it for flavouring soups and vegetables.

Mashed potatoes will be fluffier if you heat the milk before it is added.

Put a wax coating on painted shelves before covering them with paper or oilcloth to prevent the cover from sticking to the wood.

To freshen hard rolls or muffins, sprinkle them with water, place in a brown paper bag, and warm in a hot oven for a few minutes.

Try posting a list of common first-aid treatments on the door of the medicine cabinet, so that the whole family will know what to use, and what's on hand, for such injuries as burns, cuts and stings.

Put flowers in water as soon as they are cut, so that the flow of moisture into the stems will be uninterrupted. It's a good idea to carry a pail of water with you into the flower garden.

Waterproof flower pots by dipping them in melted paraffin so that all "pores" are closed.

De-salt over-salted soup by slicing a raw potato into it and boiling for a few minutes. Remove the potato, which absorbs the excess salt.

Work for Willy Toad

—He Couldn't Find any Job, Except Sweeping—

By MAX TRELL

"Oh, dear," said Willy Toad. "Oh, dearie me!"

Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, asked Willy what was wrong.

"What's wrong," replied Willy, "is that I can't get a job."

Hanid looked at Willy in surprise. "I didn't know you wanted a job, Willy."

Hard to Find, Work

"Of course, I want a job," said Willy. "But no one will give me one. I started out early this morning, looking for my first job. I went to a milk company."

"A milk company?"

"Yes, my dear, a milk company. There was a cow sitting in front of my house. I'd like a job delivering milk, I told her."

"What did she say, Willy?"

"She said she didn't want toads like me delivering milk."

"Oh, that was a shame," said Hanid. "But Willy, dear, I never heard of a cow sitting in an office," Hanid added.

Willy didn't say anything to this. He went right on. Then I decided to look for a job in a store where they sold eggs. So I went to this store and there was a chicken standing behind the counter. How do you do? I said. I'd like a job in this store, selling eggs.

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Willy smiled. She did. I want to give you the job right away, Willy said. I'd like a job in this store, selling eggs.

## A Good Sunday Dinner Can Be Prepared In An Easy Way

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"THE reason many a homemaker with an outside job is tired and inefficient every Monday," I said to the Chef, "is that she does too much housework over the week-end, and feels it is her duty to prepare a big Sunday dinner."

"That is not sensible," he answered. "Every working homemaker must have time to rest and relax."

"Do you think, a restaurant chef, on his day off, would cook a big family dinner at home? Ah, no! He lets the wife take over. Chefs like sensible, simple food."

"The double-job homemaker can easily prepare a good Sunday dinner without much effort," he continued.

Various Suggestions

"Perhaps it may feature a roast of meat, with pan-roast potatoes. This takes much more than an hour's time to cook, but it looks after itself, and meantime the homemaker can do what she likes. I believe that on Sunday the two-job homemaker should take it easy."

"Dinner might start with a tossed salad; then, frozen vegetables to cook and serve with the meat and potatoes; and fruit or ice cream for dessert to complete an excellent meal."

"Here's another suggestion, Chef. The homemaker could have chicken fricassee and giblet rice. This could either be prepared on Sunday or it could be cooked in advance on Saturday, ready to reheat, or prepared even earlier, and frozen ready to thaw-heat."

"She would then have plenty of time to prepare a real treat for dessert—a big, fine old-fashioned strawberry shortcake—and still have dinner ready to serve in less than 45 minutes."

Sunday Double-Quick Dinner

Grapefruit Sections

Chicken Fricassee

Gravy

Brown Giblet Rice

Strawberry Shortcake

Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea Milk

Procedure: Allow 1½ hr. Start fricassee, using sections of all-purpose chicken. Start rice. Prepare grapefruit sections. Bake shortcake and prepare berries. Heat fricassee and peas or cook frozen peas. Make gravy.

Brown Giblet Rice: Clean and fine-chop the giblets from 1 or 2 all-purpose chickens. Brown lightly in 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Add 2 c. dry white or brown rice, and continue to sauté and stir until it turns yellow.

Add 1 sliced peeled small onion, 1½ tsp. salt, 4½ c. chicken stock, (or boiling water and 4 chicken bouillon cubes).

Cover; bring to a boil; then slow-boil 30 min. Stir occasionally with a fork. If desired, add the contents 1 (2 oz.) tin sliced mushrooms.

Foamy Whipped Cream (Saves Money): Use this with any dessert shortcake.

To prepare, add 1 tsp. unflavored granulated gelatin to 1 tsp. cold water. Let stand 5 min. Then melt over hot water.

Meantime, combine 1 c. light cream and 1 egg white. Beat rapidly with a hand or electric beater until foamy. Remove the froth to a separate bowl just as fast as it accumulates.

Then beat the mixture again. When as much of the cream has been frothed as possible, add the melted gelatin to the remainder. Stir until dissolved. Combine with the whipped cream froth; stir in 2 tsp. sugar and ½ tsp. vanilla. Beat thoroughly. Chill at least 1 hr.

Tinned Sauces Are Helpful

Several good tinned sauces are available to help along quick cooking. They aren't expensive.

For instance, tomato, marinara and Spanish sauces, if individualized with your own seasoning, they can add that last touch needed to make a meal sparkle.

Dinner

Tomato Juice Cocktail

Boiled Spiced Fish

Spanish Sauce

Carrots with Whipped Potatoes

and 1 tsp. minced parsley.

Trick Of The Chef

To make carrots with whipped potatoes, prepare 3 c. seasoned mashed potato. Beat in 1½ c. mashed cooked carrots and 1 tsp. minced parsley.

Take Time To Relax

By Helen Follett

IT'S one of those hectic days every homemaker has occasionally at some time or another.

You take a bottle of milk from the refrigerator and, for no reason at all, it crashes to the floor. Things fall down without your even touching them. Just like

that. Wrong numbers keep your telephone ringing.

What a day! The world's not going right. You are dizzy, confused and tired of it all.

Be tranquil. You can pull out of the confusion.

When the baby has his nap, take time out to recharge your energy motors. When Papa comes home, you want to be the smiling wife he expects to see. Here is how to bring about the transformation:

Place a latex pillow on the davenport. Lie down on your back, close your eyes, make your mind a blank. Think about nothing at all.

Extend your arms high and stretch your entire body, right down to your toes. Then go limp as a rag. Stretch and relax about half a dozen times.

BREATHING EXERCISE

Now, you are going to air-condition your lungs. This means you will whip up your circulatory system and "chase" away fatigue.

Bring your arms up over your chest, fingertips resting on shoulders. Inhale slowly and deeply through the nostrils, expanding the abdominal muscles. Let hands fall at your sides, palms upward, while you exhale slowly through your mouth and, at the same time, flatten your abdomen.

If you can fall off to sleep that will be just dandy. If you can't, you can at least rest your weary body and make your nerves stop screaming.

Relaxation is the only way to relieve tension.

Willy Toad asked the chicken for a job selling eggs.

mother said: "Come here, Willy, I've got a job for you!"

"Oh wonderful!" cried Hanid. "What was the job?"

"Oh, dear," said Willy. "Oh, dearie me. The job was to sweep out the house, from the attic to the cellar. That was the only job I didn't want!"

A new story

Rupert and the Wild Goose Chase

Cultured Pearls

FALCONERS



## BANNISTER'S FEAT HONOURED



Roger Bannister, first man in the world to run the mile under four minutes, with the Duke of Edinburgh who on July 17 at the White City, presented him with a plaque to mark the occasion.—Central Press Photo.

# Oxford And Cambridge Contribute Nothing To British Tennis

Says DENNIS HART

It's not a far step from Wimbledon to Eastbourne. An hour or so in the train and the two are linked. But not even the latest thing in supersonic air travel could bridge the gulf between the lawn tennis that is played at the two places.

At Wimbledon recently, watching the All-England Lawn Tennis Championships, I saw the now inevitable eclipse of British players. At Eastbourne, where Oxford played Cambridge, in the annual tennis match between the two universities, I saw one of the reasons for that dismal Wimbledon showing.

Undergraduates have more time for sport than most young men and so the Universities are in many respects barometers of British sport. When they produced personalities as Percy Chapman and Douglas Jardine, English cricket was at its peak. Now, with runners like Roger Bannister and Chris Chataway, British fears no middle-distance challenge on the track.

But in tennis the level is low, the outlook uncertain. Neither Oxford nor Cambridge possess a Bannister of the tennis courts.

This is no reflection on the honest endeavour shown at Eastbourne. There was much good and entertaining tennis. But it lacked the polish of Varsity cricket, athletics, rowing and rugby.

Which is not really surprising. These sports are 'fashionable' at both Universities. Tennis is not.

## ARMY HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the Army XI in their hockey encounter against the Indian Navy on Saturday at the Happy Valley Pool Grounds, commencing at 6 p.m.—Boxall, Taylor and Boxall; Bowdell, Peters (Capt) and Forster; Homer, Cox, Smith, McMahon and Tryon. Reserves: Mann, Lacey and Reay.

## WINNER AT SILVERSTONE



A smiling runner, who won the third mile in 2 minutes 59.8 seconds in a test run here two days ago.

## MacMillen To Attempt Mile Record

Tokyo, July 22. The 1,500 Metres Silver Medalist at the Helsinki Olympics, Bob MacMillen, who is now serving with the United States Eighth Army in Korea, will attempt to improve on one mile records established by Roger Bannister of England and Johnny Landy of Australia at an international track and field meet here on July 24.

Top Japanese runners will act as his pacemakers. MacMillen finished the three-quarter mile in 2 minutes 59.8 seconds in a test run here two days ago.

Japanese sports reporters said he would have bettered his time if his pacemakers, army team mates, had done a better job. The pacemakers ran wild toward the end.

MacMillen's lap times were: 44.0 yards 59.2 seconds, half mile 2 minutes 0.5 seconds and three-quarter mile 2 minutes 59.8 seconds.

Japanese sports writers hope to see him at least become the third man to break the 4 minute barrier. If he cannot break the record.—Reuter.

## JIM PETERS HAS FOOT TROUBLE

London, July 22. Jim Peters, British champion and the fastest marathon runner in the world, has had to cancel his training for the British Empire Games marathon at Vancouver because of foot trouble.

Peters, who made his debut at the 1948 Olympics, was running when he was suffering from a foot problem. He had to stop running because of the pain. He was very disappointed because he was very fit and had been training hard.—Reuter.

# ENGLAND 293 FOR SIX IN THE THIRD TEST AGAINST PAKISTAN

Manchester, July 22.

England won the toss in the Third Test against Pakistan today, and decided to bat first. Sheppard and May opened England's innings, and at the close of play England had scored 293 for six wickets.

Bowling to an attacking field, Fazal Mahmood, who with Hussain opened the Pakistan bowling, became more accurate and twice beat and nearly bowled Sheppard with deliveries which whipped back off the seam. But Sheppard cut him through the slips for the second boundary.

With the score at 20, Fazal Mahmood gained the success he deserved. Sheppard shaped for a defensive stroke, but with the inside edge of his bat he deflected the ball on to his wicket.

May played only one ball before rain sent the players in. The shower ceased almost immediately and play was quickly resumed.

In Hussain's next over, May touched a rising ball outside his off stump but it sailed harmlessly over the slips' heads.

Shujauddin, the left-arm slow bowler, took over from Hussain at 30 and by bowling just short of a length generally kept both batsmen quiet. May forced successive balls to the boundary but otherwise he was nearly as restricted as patient Bailey.

In the first hour, England scored only 40 for which Bailey's share was 17. But when Fazal bowled a short bouncer, Bailey smacked it between third slip and the gully.

Fazal's figures after an accurate spell were 10 overs, five maidens, 17 runs and one wicket.

Apart from his two boundaries, May was seldom comfortable and after slapping at Shujauddin twice he paid the penalty, being caught at 47.

## RAIN INTERRUPTS

Rain then stopped play for five minutes.

Fazal took over from Hussain when play resumed. Bailey and Compton stayed together until lunch, when England were 70 for two. Bailey had then batted one hour and three quarters for 37 runs. He had not

been spectacular but with wickets falling at the other end, fulfilled his appointed task splendidly.

Only a small crowd saw the play bore lunch, the stands being sparsely populated.

After lunch, Shujauddin had a defensive field but while Compton made every attempt to pierce it, Bailey was content to play dead bat strokes. Fazal conceded only 37 runs in his first 20 overs before at 93 he gave way to Hussain.

Shujauddin shortened his length when Compton began advancing down the pitch. This was not entirely successful for the batsman occasionally stayed his ground and pulled Kerdar was forced to place a man deep to cover the stroke.

Some of the spectators began to bark at the Pakistan bowlers who made only two scoring strokes in 60 minutes after lunch. His four innings came to an unfortunate end at 97. Compton played Shujauddin slowly to a mid-wicket and called for a run. Bailey started, then hesitated. Kerdar threw to the wicket-keeper and Bailey was out by yards.

Shujauddin and off-spinner Ghazali, formed the Pakistan attack. Compton found the boundary three times, but Gravney tried nothing ambitious.

Shujauddin bowled well outside the off stump to Compton and it was this tactic which eventually earned him success. With the total at 190 and his score at 93, Compton mistimed a late cut and gave a catch at the wicket. He had been the crease for two and three quarters hours.

Park, making his England debut, got off the mark with a drive to mid-wicket off Ghazali.

Pakistan took the new ball after the England total had passed 200 and soon went to a further success. At 217, Fazal moved the ball back to bowl Park round his leg for 15. Gravney continued to play severely and with Evans as his partner reached 60 in just under two and a half hours.

## THE SCOREBOARD

England, 1st Innings  
D. Sheppard, b. Fazal Mahmood ..... 13  
P. May, c. Imtiaz Ahmed, b. Shujauddin ..... 42  
T. Bailey, run out ..... 14  
D. Compton, c. Imtiaz Ahmed, b. Shujauddin ..... 93  
T. Gravney, c. Imtiaz Ahmed, b. Shujauddin ..... 65  
J. M. Parks, b. Fazal Mahmood ..... 15  
T. G. Evans, not out ..... 31  
J. H. Wardle, not out ..... 19  
Extras ..... 1

Total (for six) ..... 293  
Fall of wickets: 1/20, 2/57, 3/97, 4/190, 5/217, 6/261.

## Bowling

O. M. R. W.  
Fazal Mahmood 33 9 88 2  
Mahmood ..... 20 5 83 0  
Hussain ..... 20 5 83 0

## Canadian Tennis Tournament

Toronto, July 22. Japan's Atsushi Miyagi, fourth seeded foreigner in the tournament, beat Bob Bodard, second ranking Canadian player, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-1 in the quarter-finals of the men's singles in the Canadian Lawn Tennis Championships today.

In other quarter-final matches Miyagi's Davis Cup team mate, Kosei Kamo, beat Luis Ayala, Chile, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 and Andres Hammarsley of Chile beat Andy Paton, USA, 6-1, 8-6, 6-4.—Reuter.

## NEW MCC TOUR MANAGER

London, July 21. Mr Geoffrey Howard, the Lancashire County Cricket Club Secretary, was today named as manager of the MCC team to tour Australia in the winter. Mr Howard managed the MCC side which toured India, Pakistan and Ceylon in 1951/52.—Reuter.

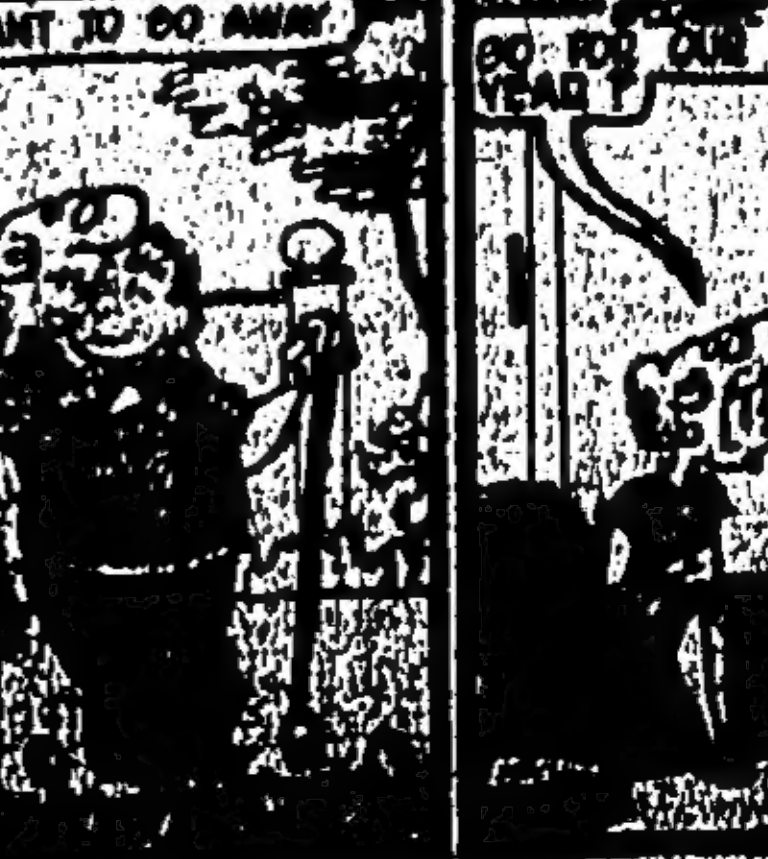
## THE GAMBOLE



## AND THE GARDEN IN SPRING



## NEVER WANT TO GO AWAY



## DO YOU WANT TO GO AWAY



## BIRDS EYE



## SHOT PUT CHAMPION



Sgt. John Savidge, of the Royal Marines, who is almost certain to win the Empire Games Shot Put Championship. His best heave this season was 55 feet 4 inches.

# Famous Cricketers I Have Met

By ARCHIE QUICK

"Patsy" Hendren will always be best remembered as one of the greatest England and Middlesex batsmen. It is often overlooked, however, that he was a first class footballer with Brentford, and played Soccer for England at outside-left in a "Victory" International after World War I.

Hendren talks a lot of football commonsense, and, after watching the World Cup series on television, he has this to say: "Television may have saved British football. We fans are not going to put up with the same old stuff of the past after what we saw Hungary, Brazil and Uruguay produce in Switzerland. And I leave Germany out because I do not think they were anywhere near as good as the other three. They were lucky in the draw, and good luck to them, but I think England has a greater chance of beating them at Wembley next winter than they would Hungary, Brazil or Uruguay."

Gentle, but shrewd "Patsy" (why don't they get my initials "E.H." right?) says the number one lesson that should have been learned by the Football Association is physical fitness.

"We do not want to alter our style of play too radically," he said "although there is quite a lot of room for improvement in ball control, passing, shooting, joint George Lavis in the important task of bringing along the many youngsters that Glamorgan's intensive coaching scheme is producing. Lavis is in charge of the indoor school at Cardiff winter and summer; Davies will take over the new indoor school which has just been erected at Neath."

In cold figures the likeable Emrys has played 1,000 innings for Glamorgan. They have produced over 27,000 runs at a reasonably high average and in addition he has taken 900 good wickets at an obviously low average.

More important than all that, though, is the fact that for years he has been the bulwark of the batting. Others have succeeded more brightly, such as Willie Jones, for instance, but it has been Emrys Davies who has been the rock upon which so many opponents' hopes have been shattered.

His No. 1 batsmanship is what is popularly called dour, but to Glamorgan, his imperturbability in a crisis has pulled them through many a game.

From a Minor County then, Davies saw them become first class and then to crown all else the once despised Glamorgan actually lifted the County Championship in the summer of 1948, with 13 outright victories and only five defeats in twenty-six matches.

How Wilfred Wooller and his boys sang their hearts out that night in Bourneouth when they knew the life was dying. And none sang more lustily than Davies. Over 1,700 runs he scored for his county that season, and, although Jones had a

were not then "first class," but that same player, who was then 20 and is now 50 years of age, has bridged the gap of three decades in a remarkable active career.

Emrys Davies has just announced his retirement after fulfilling his ambition of playing for his beloved county on his 50th birthday, and now he will join George Lavis in the important task of bringing along the many youngsters that Glamorgan's intensive coaching scheme is producing. Lavis is in charge of the indoor school at Cardiff winter and summer; Davies will take over the new indoor school which has just been erected at Neath.

In cold figures the likeable Emrys has played 1,000 innings for Glamorgan. They have produced over 27,000 runs at a reasonably high average and in addition he has taken 900 good wickets at an obviously low average.

More important than all that, though, is the fact that for years he has been the bulwark of the batting. Others have succeeded more brightly, such as Willie Jones, for instance, but it has been Emrys Davies who has been the rock upon which so many opponents' hopes have been shattered.

His No. 1 batsmanship is what is popularly called dour, but to Glamorgan, his imperturbability in a crisis has pulled them through many a game.

From a Minor County then, Davies saw them become first class and then to crown all else the once despised Glamorgan actually lifted the County Championship in the summer of 1948, with 13 outright victories and only five defeats in twenty-six matches.

How Wilfred Wooller and his boys sang their hearts out that night in Bourneouth when they knew the life was dying. And none sang more lustily than Davies. Over 1,700 runs he scored for his county that season, and, although Jones had a

better average, the foundation that Davies set to many an innings plus over 50 valuable wickets was one of the basic factors in the eleven's success.

Then there was his 2,012 runs and 103 wickets "double" in 1937 while his highest score was 287 not out at Newport against Gloucester. With Arnold Dyson he took part in 32 opening century partnerships and has, strongly enough, hit 32 first-class centuries.

Glamorgan, as befits Welshmen, are a singing county, and it has often been my pleasure after a match to hear them baring their hearts out like Irish singing the Welsh National Anthem.

I remember how it surprised the Mayor of Gravesend after he had entertained them one evening when all of them stood on the banquet room tables and gave him "Land of My Fathers" in the most perfect harmony—led by one Emrys Davies. He will be missed from the fair fields of cricket.

## Soccer Match Today

The following will represent the Royal Netherlands Navy and the Merchant Navy in a friendly football match on the Merchant Navy Club ground, Chatham Road, at 6 p.m. today:

Royal Netherlands Navy—Kees Dubbelman, Bertie Stramer, Box, Han (capt), Orsouw and Denkerink.  
Merchant Navy—Svensson (mv Bataan), K. J. Svensson (mv Bataan), A. N. Other (mv Bataan), A. Geyre (capt, Port Charlotte), H. Gibney (mv Adrastra), A. N. Other (mv Bataan), W. Lund (mv Bataan), A. Karavayn (mv Task-melja), Nuhum (mv Task-melja), and Van Kwal-dunen (mv Eastern Star).  
The referee will be RSM Randall, and the line-out markers (Netherlands Navy) and A. G. Bond (Merchant Navy).











## Duchess And Her Daughter At Home



The Duchess of Kent, and her charming 17-year old daughter, Princess Alexandra, face a battery of press cameras in the garden of their lovely home "Coppins" at Iwer, Buckinghamshire, where a new series of informal pictures of these two royal ladies were taken.—Express Photo.

# Britain Lost Initiative To America In Liberated Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, July 22.

Thirteen years ago British Empire forces liberated Ethiopia from the short-lived grip of Italian Fascist imperialism. British prestige and influence were then high.

British prestige today is still high here, but the dominant influence in Ethiopia, enlarged by federation with neighbouring Eritrea, has passed from British into United States hands.

In fact, nowhere in the vast African Continent have the Americans a stronger grip than in the Kingdom of the Lion of Judah, Emperor Haile Selassie I, where the Russians maintain a strong diplomatic mission and run a hospital.

The understanding between Ethiopia and the United States has been further strengthened by the recent visit of the Emperor to the United States. He declared there that Ethiopia is on the side of collective action against aggression wherever it may arise.

The present understanding will take more definite shape with the expected signature of an agreement between the two countries granting American military, air and naval bases. Already, American political and economic influence is strong.

The decline in British influence has been gradual but steady.

When the Anglo-Ethiopian Agreement of 1942 expired, Lord de la Warr visited Addis Ababa on a special mission to discuss its renewal. Ethiopia was anxious for such a renewal

but found Lord de la Warr's proposals difficult to accept.

Her attitude at the time was ascribed by observers to consciousness of her newly regained freedom and a certain suspicion of foreign intentions.

The Agreement was not renewed and the predominantly large number of British advisers in the country gradually withdrew. The British Military Mission to Ethiopia (BMME) also pulled out.

In their places came Dutch, Norwegians, Swiss, Indians—who have two advisers and over 150 teachers—and other foreigners. Finally, came the Americans, outnumbering them all.

Americans, few in numbers in the foreign community, Ethiopia ten years ago, are now conspicuous. With them have come the dazzling features of "Americanism," as young

Ethiopians term it, such as big limousines, jeeps, films, gaudy shirts and neck ties—and chewing gum.

The inhabitants are becoming increasingly used to the arrival of American tourists, high-ranking Service officers, Senators and Congressmen, businessmen and industrialists.

These temporarily swell the already large American community here. This is composed in part of officials from the Point-4 programme for aid to underdeveloped countries and others serving on the Imperial Highway Authority, missionaries and members of the United States Military Mission (this replaced the British Mission), which is capable of quick and considerable expansion.

## TREATY

A commercial treaty and a Treaty of Amity and Economic Relations bind the two nations. Ethiopian Air Lines Inc. is manned and run by Trans-World Airlines, while the State Bank of Ethiopia organised by a Briton, the late Mr C.S. Collier, has always had an American chief.

The Imperial Board of Telecommunications, which like the Highway Authority is financed by the World Bank, was run by Americans, but is now run by Swedes.

All the principal advisers in the Ethiopian Ministries are Americans, who have access to top secret and influence decisions of far-reaching importance.

It is believed that the Imperial Ethiopian Air Force, now in the hands of Swedish trainers, will soon pass into American hands.

## STRUCK OIL

The Sinclair Petroleum Company of America, which has a prospecting lease, is reported to have suspended for reasons which have not been revealed.

Ethiopians meantime watch the growth of American influence and speculate on the country's eventual destination in her present march.

There is a serious decline in the export trade and a consequent growing feeling of discontent among merchants, most of them foreigners. They are stated to protest in vain against numerous restrictions and constantly changing regulations which may oblige some of them to close down their businesses.

They see in the present situation something of a replay of the Ethiopian economy.—China Mail Special.

# THAI PRINCE WILL OPPOSE DUTCHMAN IN U.N. ELECTIONS

United Nations, July 22.

Prince Wan Waithayakon announced today his candidacy for election as President of the United Nations General Assembly in opposition to former Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kleffens.

The move by the popular Thailand representative created considerable confusion at the United Nations where Dr Van Kleffens had been considered virtually elected because of the near-unanimous support of his candidacy.

Prince Wan told a meeting of the Arab-Asian bloc this morning that he would seek the post again this year. He was

## U.S. BUDGET DEFICIT

Washington, July 22. The United States budget deficit for the 1954 fiscal year is \$3,029 million, or \$346 million less than expected, the White House announced today.

The receipts were \$64,000 million, and expenses \$67,000 million. The deficit for the fiscal year, 1953, was \$9,400 million.—France-Press.

## Hongkong Stock Exchange

# Geneva Cease-fire But No Excitement: Why?

By A Special Correspondent

Well, the cease-fire news came through at last but nothing very exciting happened to the share market this week. Why?

For one reason the rise had largely been discounted in the few days immediately prior to the actual signing of the cease-fire when share prices made good headway in anticipation of the agreement.

Secondly investors considered the actual agreement something of a surrender to the Communists by M. Mendes-France and his Western allies—and certainly not the honourable or "victorious" truce they expected.

This is the view of brokers in London on a turnover of 17,700 shares.

But looking at the market this week, one sees a picture of strength in all sections. Most issues have made fractional gains throughout the week.

Yesterday business expanded and it appears that after digesting the cease-fire agreement the market was disposed to take a kinder view of it, or else, investors realised that it was the best possible bargain under the circumstances.

Prices advanced on a broad front yesterday. Towards the end of the afternoon when the turnover had reached about \$1,400,000, prices were inclined to give way slightly. Trams, for instance, could not hold their \$10.70 and slipped back ten cents. China Light, Hotels and Watsons were also shade off their best levels of the day.

## OUTLOOK FAIR

Brokers were inclined to think that this was rather because of the heavy volume of business that was done in these issues during the day and does not necessarily indicate that the market has reached its best levels.

As one broker said to me yesterday: "The outlook is fair and warm".

Over the week, Banks are down \$40 to \$1,000 but they held yesterday at that price on a turnover of 43 shares. And talking of Banks I said last week they touched their highest point for many years—if not their highest point ever. A reader has pointed out that in June 1948 Banks touched \$2,100 and sold at over \$2,000 before the war.

Unions, on a turnover of 38 shares have shown a slight improvement of \$807½.

## WHARVES BETTER

Wharves are about \$2 better at \$67 while Docks and Providents are roughly steady at high rates. If tension continues to ease in the Far East and there is prospect of increased turnover these shares will be worth watching.

Brokers believe that the moment there is some positive evidence that the embargo on strategic goods is to be lifted, the limelight will swing away from utilities and focus on the wharves' group for obviously they stand to benefit by any move. Also brokers believe that once the embargo is lifted, some investors will turn their attention from the Stock Exchange to new avenues of trade. So prices are bound to come down then.

Hotels continue firm and general investment buying sent Lands up a dollar on the week. Yesterday's turnover in Lands was 6,150 shares.

Electricity made a good showing in this week's section yesterday and rose a dollar on active trading. New issue rumours apparently stirred up the interest. Cements, Telephones, Trams and Farms are all slightly better on the week while Yau-mat is holding up at high rates.

## A HIGH OPINION

Amoy Canning shareholders seem to have a very high opinion of their stock. They've been listed for almost two weeks now and there's still no sign of a seller. Buyers don't appear to want to pay any more than \$25 or \$26 for them.

The Wheelock Marden group made a much better showing in this week's section following Mr. Marden's announcement earlier in the week that Allied Investors were among the group of financiers which had made a \$500,000 offer for the Hongkong Gas Company. The group is offering 47½ a share. The present market price of the Gas shares is \$2½.

Wharves, Allied and Electric have all made a better showing this week while Allied touching \$4,015 yesterday after

## S'PORE MARKETS REACT

Singapore, July 22. There was a marked contrast in the reaction of the Singapore rubber and tin markets to the Indo-China cease-fire agreement.

The tin price declined still further by \$6.37½ to \$372.50 per picul, but rubber opened this morning steady and without any depressing effect in evidence from the Indo-China agreement. The opening price was 89½ cents a pound. As a result, FOB buyers—½ cent above yesterday close. The market was steady following the steadiness in London and New York which overnight recovered to Monday's levels.—United Press.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, July 22.

Industrial shares on the New York Exchange pushed to further new high ground in almost a quarter of a century.

Steel stocks paced the advance in the industrials. They turned later in the session and closed with gains ranging to more than 2 points. Elsewhere, oils also tracked on wide gains. "Blue chips" were also good.

The advance pushed industrial stocks to their best levels since October 15, 1929.

Dealings also picked up the rise and session was the most active of the week. Transaction increased to 2,800,000 shares, from 2,510,000 yesterday.

Of the 1,202 issues traded, 689 closed higher, 287 declined and 246 held at their previous close.

## MOTORS FIRM

Motor shares, firmed. Utilities held within a narrow range.

Balwin-Lima-Hamilton led the market in turnover, with 44,000 shares changing hands. The stock eased ¼ to \$10. US Steel finished in the second spot on sales of 40,400 shares.

In the steel group, Youngstown Sheet and Tube was the bellwether and this unusual strength brought out a number of merger rumours in Wall Street. One of them was that Youngstown was going to merge with Bethlehem Steel, the nation's second largest steel producer. Bethlehem, however, knocked this rumour down. It said: "We have no comment to make on such rumours."

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,230,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 600,000 shares.

## DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York, July 22. Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:—

30 Industrials ..... 319.97  
20 Rails ..... 117.69  
15 Utilities ..... 109.47  
65 Stocks ..... 100.92  
Bond ..... 123.30  
Comm. future price index ..... 123.30

—United Press.

## New York Sugar Market

New York, July 22.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 33 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 4 points lower with sales of 431 contracts.

World futures ruled quiet while traders awaited the outcome of current meetings in Cuba regarding possible measures to shore up the world price of raw sugar.

In domestic futures selling reflected reports of better underdone in the raw market.

Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)  
September ..... 21.12  
October ..... 21.12  
November ..... 21.12  
December ..... 21.12  
January ..... 21.12  
February ..... 21.12  
March ..... 21.12  
April ..... 21.12  
May ..... 21.12  
June ..... 21.12

Contract No. 6

September ..... 21.12  
October ..... 21.12  
November ..... 21.12  
December ..... 21.12  
January ..... 21.12  
February ..... 21.12  
March ..... 21.12  
April ..... 21.12  
May ..... 21.12  
June ..... 21.12

# British Officials Against The 'Floating Pound'

London, July 22.

For the present at least, British official thinking seems to have turned against the idea of a flexible exchange rate for sterling, the so-called "floating pound."

At the Commonwealth Economic Conference in December 1952, and during last year, some such flexibility was regarded as an essential part of the convertibility plan, because of Britain's inadequate reserves.

Any adjustment to changing conditions could then be made, as in Canada, partly by a change in the reserve and partly by a fluctuation in the exchange rate, at the day-to-day discretion of the British Treasury and the Bank of England.

The limits of fluctuation would have been much wider than the present \$2.78 to \$2.82; they could have been changed from time to time; and they might never have been publicly disclosed. Instead, they would have become known at any time only from the rates at which the Bank of England was actually intervening to buy or sell dollars.

At the OEEC Ministers' talks on convertibility in London on July 15-16 Britain, so far as is known, is merely presenting the arguments for and against flexibility. This is in line with the general nature of these talks. In any case, the management of Britain's currency would always be a matter for Britain herself, not for any international conference (not even for any intra-Commonwealth organ of the sterling area as a whole since there is no such organ).

A feature of the convertibility plan, as it has developed so far, is that while the OEEC Governments will continue to consult periodically and in emergencies, each OEEC Government retains ultimate sovereignty over its own exchange rate, subject only to its international obligations.

Even such close groupings as Benelux have not yet reached the stage where either of the partner countries puts the management of its currency into commission. There is no question of anything of the sort.

## World Rubber Markets

New York, July 22.

Rubber futures today closed 5 to 10 points higher with sales of 78 contracts.

About half of the business on the terminal market was represented in switching operations. Scattered dealer selling developed after the London market closed.

In the spot market, small sales to dealers and factories increased.

One sheet for August delivery at 24½ cents; Three sheets for August at 24½ cents; Two sheets July delivered at 24 cents and One crore on spot at 28½ cents, and Oct./Dec. shipment, equal monthly quantities at 24½ cents, and landed basis.

Spot No. 1 was quoted at 2½ cents a pound. Prices:

September ..... 24.50  
October ..... 24.50  
November ..... 24.50  
December ..... 24.50  
January ..... 24.50  
February ..... 24.50  
March ..... 24.50  
April ..... 24.50  
May ..... 24.50  
June ..... 24.50

## SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, July 22.

There was some activity and factory buying and later on in the day some speculative demand carried prices higher. The market closed slightly below their best but steady. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 2 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 3 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 4 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 5 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 6 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 7 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 8 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 9 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½  
No. 10 rubber per lb. Aug. 89½-90½

## LONDON MARKET

London, July 22.

The rubber market was steady with No. 1 Rss spot quoted at 20-11/10 pence per lb. Prices:

September ..... 20.11  
October ..... 20.11  
November ..... 20.11  
December ..... 20.11  
January ..... 20.11  
February ..... 20.11  
March ..... 20.11  
April ..... 20.11  
May ..... 20.11  
June ..... 20.11

## AMSTERDAM MARKET

Amsterdam, July 22.

The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders as follows:

No. 1 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 2 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 3 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 4 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 5 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 6 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 7 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 8 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 9 rubber ..... 2.25  
No. 10 rubber ..... 2.25

in any convertibility arrangements now being discussed. But the balance of the argument seems to have tilted against the floating pound. Certainly, any convertibility code such as is now under discussion would include a declaration against instability of exchange rates and a reaffirmation of the undertakings which countries have already given to avoid competitive depreciations of their currencies.

It is a matter for argument—and, as stated above, for each country to decide for itself—whether true stability is best achieved by keeping to the narrow quotation range (1½ either side of par) prescribed by the International Monetary Fund or by adopting wider or even indefinite limits.

Ever since September 1950 Canada has had a completely unpegged exchange rate, but nobody suggests that the Canadian dollar is unstable or unsound. A high Canadian monetary official, speaking informally in New York, is said to have joked that he was not accustomed to speaking in a soft currency country.—China Mail Special.

## World Cotton Markets

New York, July 22.

Cotton prices today closed on a smart rally to climax an otherwise slow and featureless session.

Covering against export commitments to Korea, involving an estimated 6,000 and 10,000 bales, mostly in the October delivery showed prices ahead in the final dealings.

At the close the list ruled 2 to 25 points higher. The market opened up 1 to 5 points but at one time was off 6 to 10 points. New Orleans closed up 12 to 16 points.

Small producer repurchases out of the Government loan stocks, plus crop uncertainties, and signs of an underlying domestic mill and exporter demand kept sellers on the wary side.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
July	24,000	274,600
October	32,400	43,100
December	21,500	335,300
March	10,100	381,300
May	4,300	146,300
October	8,700	48,000
December	11,000	19,800
Total	111,000	1,719,600

## NEW YORK PRICES

New York, July 22.

Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot	33.50
Oct.	34.10
Dec.	34.20
Mar.	34.30
May	34.40
July	34.50
Oct.	34.60
Dec.	34.70

## NEW ORLEANS PRICES

New Orleans, July 22.

Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot	34.50
Oct.	34.60
Dec.	34.70
Mar.	34.80
May	34.90
July	35.00
Oct.	35.10
Dec.	35.20

## LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, July 22.

Closing prices, American middling cotton 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Oct./Nov.	31.50
Dec./Jan.	31.70
Mar./Apr.	31.70
May/June	31.70
July/Aug.	31.70
Official prices for spot cottons in cotton:	
Egyptian	31.50
Peruvian	31.50
Guatemala	31.50
Colombia	31.50
Brazilian	31.50
Others	31.50

## SAO PAULO PRICES

Sao Paulo, July 22.

Prices of cotton futures closed today in cruzeiros per kilo as follows:

October	23.40
December	23.40
March	23.40
May	23.40
July	23.40
October	23.40
December	23.40
March	23.40
May	23.40
July	23.40

(In the United States, the average price of 15/16 inch middling cotton at 10 designated spot markets was 34.58 cents a pound. Sales at Athens Centre totaled 1,733 bales.)—United Press.



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## CROWN OFFERS NO OPPOSITION IN APPEAL CASE

An appeal against conviction lodged by two men found guilty by a Magistrate of impersonating a Police officer and aiding and abetting the same offence was allowed by Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Acting Puisne Judge, at the Appeal Court this morning when the Crown put forward no opposition.

The appellants were Li Man-leung, 31, and Chak Kwok-wai, 24. They were fined \$250 or five weeks and bound over in the sum of \$1,000 for one year by Mr Lawrence Leong at Central on May 15.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr K. Y. Yung of F. Zimmern and Co., represented the appellants. Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

The grounds of the appeal were that (1) the Magistrate misdirected himself as to the evidence of proof, and (2) that the Magistrate failed to take into consideration the evidence of Li Man-leung's Police card which had been exhibited in Court.

In the lower Court, a co-defendant, Ip Loy, was found guilty by Mr Leong of demanding money with menaces from a local film director, Lee Yin, at Aberdeen, and was fined \$500 or 10 weeks.

When the case opened this morning, Mr Yu said the Crown was not opposing the appeal. He asked therefore if His Lordship thought it necessary to hear him. Mr Justice Reynolds replied he did not think so.

### SATISFIED

Mr McRobert stated that he had looked over the record of the case thoroughly, and was satisfied that he had no grounds for opposing the appeal.

His Lordship remarked that he thought that was a proper course to take. Turning to Mr Yu, he asked him if the outcome of the appeal would affect the binding-over order, as a Magistrate had power to bind a person over, if he thought fit, without the need for a conviction.

Mr Yu said he agreed with that, but that in the present case the binding-over order was part of the sentence resulting from the conviction. Thus, if the conviction was quashed, the whole sentence should go.

### QUASHED

His Lordship said he would make the order quashing the conviction. Any sentence resulting therefrom would automatically be quashed also, he stated.

As regards the fines which had been paid, Counsel for the appellants asked whether it was necessary for the Court to make an order for their return. Mr Justice Reynolds said this was unnecessary, as the return of the money would be automatic on the quashing of the conviction.

Crown Counsel asked the Court to note down, for the purposes of the record, that, in view of ground (1) of the grounds of appeal, namely, "that the Magistrate misdirected himself as to the evidence of proof," he (Crown Counsel) felt it would be wrong for the Crown to oppose the appeal, in the circumstances of the case.

## Government Appointments

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr R. B. Black, has appointed Mr John J. Swaine to be a cadet officer Class 11 on probation from June 22, 1954.

Mr George Herbert Sherriff has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Sanitary Services, Urban Services Department and Mr Ngan Chung Hon as Traffic Manager of the Kowloon Canton Railway.

Mr Lau Chuen-huen has been appointed Assistant Controller of Posts and Miss Diana Lee has been appointed a nursing sister on probation.

Messrs Wong Kwok-fong and Leung Ping-hin, both education officers, have been appointed Inspectors of Schools.

Miss Winifred Ann Woodfine, has been appointed to act as senior nursing sister. Mr Graham Rupert Sherriff, barrister-at-law, has been appointed to act as Senior Crown Counsel and Mr Maurice Heenan has been appointed to act as Solicitor-General.

The Hon. M. W. Turner has been appointed an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council.

Mr Richard Charles Lee has been appointed to act temporarily as Chairman of the Public Services Commission during the absence of Mr J. R. Jones.

## HK Fire Death Roll Mounts

(Continued from Page 1)

anything was the matter, she burst into tears and between sobs said she could not find even the site of her former home. Her husband is not in the Colony.

Several enterprising squatters, having salvaged most of their possessions, quickly set up food stalls in the lanes leading to the fire area, and dispensed steaming congee and cold drinks — at a charge.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, Mr R. B. Black, will visit the area of the disaster at 3.30 p.m. today.

## Exhibition Of Chinese Finger Painting



The artist works on one of his paintings, whilst his wife, who prepares the colours, looks on, at an exhibition of Tse Hua (Chinese finger painting) by the Singapore artist, Wu Teal-yen, at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London. So far as is known, this is the first exhibition and demonstration in England, or indeed in any Western country, of a very ancient Chinese art of which today there are few accomplished exponents. Mr Wu is, in fact, probably the only artist in the world who paints exclusively by this method. He uses his right fore-finger mainly, and his pictures done on scrolls, are in the classical oriental style. — Express Photo.

## FINANCIAL SURPLUS

A surplus of \$41,474,196.39 for the financial year ended March 31, 1954, is revealed in the statement of revenue and expenditure for the Colony published in today's Gazette.

As at March 31 the General Revenue Balance stood at \$242,436,593.80.

Revenue for the year totalled \$396,861,966.43 and expenditure at \$355,407,770.15.

## Installed Petrol Engine

Charged with breach of licensing conditions by installing a petrol engine on board and with carrying petrol without permission Sin Siu-hung, 27-year-old master of fishing junk No. 5325A, was fined \$100 or one month's imprisonment on the first count and cautioned on the second by Mr C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

The Prosecution said that when the Police boarded the vessel at anchor in Aberdeen harbour yesterday evening, they found that it was fitted with an inboard motor. One and a half gallons of petrol were also found.

Defendant said in mitigation that the engine had not been used for months and had been out of order. The fact that he had only one and half gallons of petrol left on board indicated this point. If he had been using the engine he would have more petrol stored on board.

### SIMILAR OFFENCES

Another fishing junk master, Fong Tai-look, 26, was fined a total of \$70 or three weeks this morning on two similar offences. The Police said that defendant was arrested in Aberdeen harbour yesterday evening. An outboard petrol engine and about three gallons of petrol were found.

Fong pleaded also that his engine had not been used for a long time and that it had been out of order. He said that he had no place to put the motor other than on board his craft.

## BAND CONCERT CANCELLED

The concert which was to have been given at the Botanical Garden this evening by the Band of the visiting cruiser N. S. Delhi has been cancelled. Instead, the Delhi's band will give a concert at the Botanical Garden this Sunday in place of the Hongkong Police Band, weather permitting.

This concert will begin at 5.45 p.m. and will last two hours. Free seating accommodation will be provided.

## Soviet Statement On Geneva Talks

'Favourable Conditions Created For Settling Other Problems'

London, July 23.

A Soviet Government statement on the Indo-China cease-fire issued by Tass today, spoke of "favourable conditions for a solution" of both Asian and European problems.

The statement said: "The Soviet Government thinks that the agreement reached in Geneva on a cease-fire in Indo-China is helping towards easing international tension and is creating favourable conditions for a solution of other important and still unsettled international questions concerning not only Asia but also Europe."

It mentioned such questions as ending the armaments race, banning of the use of atomic weapons, assuring collective security in Europe and settlement of the German question on a basis of peace and democracy.

"The Geneva agreements aim at solving important tasks connected with establishing and strengthening peace in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia on the basis of observing the independence and sovereignty, the unity and territorial integrity of the three Indo-Chinese states as stated in the final declaration approved by the participants of the Geneva conference."

"The cease-fire in Indo-China has opened for the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia opportunities for economic and cultural progress in conditions of peace while at the same time laying a foundation for the development of friendly co-operation between them and France."

"Highly important will be the decisions of the Geneva conference on the carrying-out of free elections in Vietnam during July 1956 creates a condition for the national unification of Vietnam in accordance with the national interests and aspirations of the whole Vietnamese people."

"This decision adopted as the result of persistent efforts from the democratic states, means a defeat of these aggressive forces which strove to dismember Vietnam so as to transform south Vietnam into a member of the planned new aggressive bloc in Southeast Asia."

"A serious significance also lies in the agreement on the carrying-out in Cambodia and Laos of general elections during 1955 which, according to the final declaration, will be held by secret ballot and under observance of basic liberties."

## Artist Sentenced To Death For Murder

Lewes, Sussex, July 23.

William Sanchez de Pina Hepper, a 62-year-old artist, was sentenced to death here last night for murdering an 11-year-old girl who was a playmate of his own daughter, Pearl.

The girl, Margaret Spevick, was found strangled and raped in Hepper's one-room flat at Hove, a fashionable coast resort about 12 miles away.

Hepper was brought back from Spain, where he had fled after the murder, to face the charge.

The jury, who were out for 90 minutes, rejected a defence plea that the "worst thing" Hepper did was to say that Hepper was guilty but insane—although the main defence is that he did not do the act at all.

Mr Derek Curtis-Bennett, Queen's Counsel for Hepper, added: "A terrible mistake had been made as the result of an abnormal man going away at a time which made it very awkward for himself."

### "FLIMSY" PLEA

Mr R. F. Levy Queen's Counsel, prosecuting, said in his summing-up to the jury: "It is the inescapable conclusion that this child was violated and murdered by Hepper and by no one else."

He described the defence's case of insanity as "flimsy." "Hepper had pleaded not guilty to the child's murder between February 3 and 7 this year."

The prosecution alleged that the girl died on the night of February 4 and that Hepper left for Spain the following morning.

Hepper had known Margaret Spevick's family in London, where he frequently took the girl and his daughter, Pearl, to tea.

Margaret broke her arm last Christmas and Hepper invited her down to his flat in Hove to convalesce. Her parents agreed.

Hepper's trial had lasted four days.—Reuter.

## BRITISH NATURALISATION

His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, Mr R. B. Black, has been pleased to confer the privilege of British Naturalization on the following people:

Mr Eugene Petrovich Julebin, retired; Mr Wei Kang, clerk; Mr Te Liang-zee, building contractor; Dr Lai Kwong-yuk, medical practitioner (known as Le Kuang-yu); Mr Loo Sze-chang, merchant; Mr Hsu Hou-yu, merchant.

## Funeral Of Mrs M. D. Martel

The Requiem Mass for the late Mrs M. D. Martel, who died yesterday, will be held tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. at the Catholic cemetery Chapel, Happy Valley. The Requiem Mass will be followed by the interment.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting show below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

**FRIDAY, JULY 23**  
By Air  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Indo-China, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Indo-China, 3 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 24**  
By Air  
Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m.  
Burma, 8 a.m.  
Philippines, 9 a.m.  
Japan, Korea, U.S.A., 9 p.m.  
By Surface  
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, 11 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, Noon.  
Formosa, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 1.30 p.m.  
Philippines, 3 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 25**  
By Air  
Formosa, Okinawa, Canada, 1 p.m.  
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 8 p.m.  
Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9 p.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

## Radio Hongkong

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